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Editors' Corner

While writing this in November, it's hard to believe that the Christmas season is coming soon. The reality is brought home by the frosty mornings, the decorated department stores, the Christmas gift suggestion catalogues, but most of all, by THLA's upcoming Christmas Party. The hot hors d'oeuvres were such a hit last year, our executive has decided to dispense with the traditional cold cuts and salad dinner and replace it with a greater selection of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. There will also be a variety of scrumptious ethnic desserts, provided **Mary Boite** can twist enough arms. If you have a favourite Christmas dessert and would like to share it with your THLA friends, please call Mary. If the food isn't enough to lure you, perhaps the door prizes and the possibility of winning a ticket to the May dinner will.

We, the editors, are happy that the **NEWS** reached everybody (well, almost everybody) in good time. A few copies went astray. Oddly enough, these were destined for members of the Executive. We hope to correct this in future issues. We will continue to use U of T's Central Services for mailings and welcome your feedback.

Merry Christmas!
Seasons Greetings!
Happy New Year!

Rita Shaughnessy
Sue Hendricks
Anne Kubjas

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

General Members' Meeting

The 1st THLA meeting of the year on the broad topic of **Peace & Health** brought a good turnout to Riverdale Hospital Auditorium, Oct. 27, 1986. Speakers **Laura Cowan** and **Mary Malone** from **Nurses for Social Responsibility** and **John Marshall** and **Rick Ficek** from **Library and Information Workers for Peace** presented their respective groups, and their objectives and activities to date.

The question of nuclear disarmament itself and the involvement of health and information professionals in peace and social justice issues raised spirited comments across a broad spectrum of views from the THLA members present. Both groups left literature for members to pick up.

A special thanks to **Eloise Crabtree-Carmichael** for both the welcome light supper and for providing a pleasant meeting environment.

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Announcements From The Meeting

Joanne Marshall is teaching a second year course at FLIS on health sciences librarianship starting in Jan. 1987.

I, as president of THLA, will be attending the CHLA Board meeting in Hamilton on Fri. Nov. 28, 1986.

Catherine Pepper

INSIDE CIRCUIT

CHRISTMAS / HOLIDAY COCKTAIL PARTY

Date: Dec. 8, 1986.
Time: 5:30 p.m. cash bar
6:30 p.m. food served
Place: Ontario Cancer Inst.
Staff House
2 Wellesley Place
(North of Wellesley
between Jarvis &
Sherbourne). Parking on
Wellesley Place in
Hospital Parking Lot.

Tickets at the door for \$6.00 will include food, a glass of wine and a chance at doorprizes.

R.S.V.P. by Dec. 3 to **Mary Boite** at 923-3523, ext. 115.

Come to our annual affair, one replete with friends, good food and drink, and festive surroundings. This year we invite you to participate in the making of a gourmet festival from around the world. To give

this year's party a more international flavour, we need a dozen or so volunteers. If you have a dessert you love to make and share, please call **Mary Boite** at 923-3523, ext. 115. Desserts from different countries and cultures would be especially welcome! Don't be shy!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Feb. 2, 1987 in the Alice Moulton Room, Science & Medicine Library, U of T.

Program: A demonstration of **Science Citation Index on CD-ROM**, currently being tested at the U of T. Refreshments will be provided at 6:30 p.m. Business meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

R.S.V.P. to **Mary Boite** at 923-3523, ext 115, by Wed. Jan.28.

March 30, 1987 - PaperChase Explained and demonstrated. In addition to talking about the PaperChase system of Medline searching at our meeting, **Diane Winand** has indicated that she would be happy to have the chance to visit some hospital libraries in the Toronto area on or around that date, to demonstrate the system to the staff at those institutions. If you are interested in having her come to your library to demonstrate to your users, please let us know as soon as possible before Mar. 30 so that arrangements can be made. Just call **Mary Boite** and we will pass on the information to Ms. Winand.

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INTEREST GROUPS

Reminder of Meetings

Nov. 18 - **Microcomputer Group**
6:00 p.m. (bring a sandwich)
Toronto Inst. of Medical Technology Library,
2nd Floor,
222 St Patrick St.
(at St. Patrick subway or parking at Mt. Sinai Hospital)

Nov. 25 - **Disability Resource Library Network**
2:30 p.m.
Canadian National Inst. for the Blind
Info: **David Reynolds**,
CNIB, 480-7549.

Nov. 25 - **Quality Assurance Group**
4:00 p.m.
Conference Room,
Science & Med. Lib.,
U. of T.

Jan. 27 - **Quality Assurance Group**
Discussion on Policies & Procedures Manuals facilitated by **Sue Hendricks**
More info to come.

FACES & PLACES

Congratulations to **Sandra Langlands** and her husband **Jim Melvin** on the birth of their daughter **Leslie Katherine** on Oct. 8, 1986.

At the **Science and Medicine Library**, University of Toronto, **Peter Marshall Clinton** is now acting head.

Gina McQuat, librarian at the Ontario Ministry of Labour, Special Studies & Services Branch, is moving to Edmonton, and will be seeking a position there. She is engaged to be married to **Robert Varty**, assistant professor, Mechanical Engineering, University of Alberta. Congratulations and best of luck Gina!

CONFERENCE TROTTING

The Canadian Health Libraries Association will hold its 11th annual meeting in Vancouver, B.C. May 24-27, 1987 at the Holiday Inn Harbourside. The theme of the conference is **Maximizing Resources: Management, Marketing, People, Priorities**

For further information, contact: **Nancy Forbes**, Conference Coordinator, Biomedical Branch Library, 700 West 10th Ave. Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 1L5
Phone: (604) 875-4505

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OHLA 1st Annual Meeting - Oct. 28-29, 1986

Approximately 115 hospital librarians gathered together at Women's College Hospital for the 1st annual meeting of the Ontario Hospital Libraries Association and the theme of the conference was **Measure for Measure: Measuring Library Effectiveness**. One of the highlights was the address by keynote speaker, **Margaret Beckman**, who outlined the elements of an effective library service and the importance of monitoring these functions. A review of Research Methods for Hospital Libraries was then given by **Dr. Thomas Wilson**, head of Information Studies at the University of Sheffield, England. **Allen Gower** of the Questionnaire Design Resource Centre at Statistics Canada, followed with a most informative and practical talk on Designing User Surveys.

The afternoon workshop on Quality Assurance was opened by THLA member **Linda McFarlane**, of Sunnybrook Medical Centre, who gave an overview of quality assurance in hospital libraries. The participants then divided into smaller group sessions on "Getting Started & Maintaining the Momentum" led by **Sue Gillespie** of University Hospital, London, and **Susan Hendricks** of Oshawa General Hospital. Susan Hendrick's session was well attended by members of the THLA Quality Assurance Interest Group.

On the second day, several Toronto hospital libraries offered tours of their facilities and presented brief clinics on selected library procedures. Special thanks go to the Hospi-

tal for Sick Children, Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto General Hospital and Queen Elizabeth Hospital for opening their doors to out-of-town visitors.

Those interested in a more detailed outline of the conference proceedings may consult the latest issue of the **OHLA Newsline**. Telephone **Jan Greenwood** at the OMA for further information, 963-9383.

MARKETPLACE

Wanted Book. I would appreciate a donation of the 1972 edition of Multiple Sclerosis: A Reappraisal, edited by D. McAlpine et al., published by Churchill Livingstone.

Contact: **Tsai-O Wong**
Mississauga Hospital
Library
848-7394

Yours for the Asking:
Canadian Locations of Journals Indexed for Medline, 1984.
List of Serials Indexed for Online Users, 1984.
Medical Subject Headings: Tree Structures, 1984.
Permuted Medical Subject Headings, 1984.
Medical & Health Care Books & Serials in Print 1984 (2 vol.).

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Personal Computer Club of Toronto

A new **Information Science Special Interest Group** of the PC Club is forming for people who are using or thinking about using microcomputer database management software for text base applications, i.e. bibliographies, organizing journal articles, books, videotapes, etc. The first meeting will be: Thursday Dec. 3, 1986

7:30 p.m.

York Public Library
1745 Eglinton Ave. W.

Contact: **Leslie Hatch**
483-2193

Membership in the PC Club is not required for this meeting.

N.B.: The Personal Computer Club of Toronto is for IBM PC and compatible users. There are monthly meetings, including problem sharing, demonstrations of software packages, & helpful hints. Public domain software from an extensive library is available for purchase to members. Membership includes a newsletter, special interest groups and bulletin board.

Membership fee: \$35.00 annually
Bulletin board: \$20.00

Meetings are held at York Mills Collegiate, 7:30. Next meetings are on Nov. 18 and Dec. 9. For information contact :

Arthur Robertson, Secretary of the PC Club of Toronto, 638-0278.

P.S.

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New home needed for:
ANNALS OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS
1955 - 1978

Contact Elaine Bernstein, Hugh MacMillan
Medical Centre - 425-6220 ext. 517