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Editors' Corner

This issue of the **THLA NEWS** marks the final number for 1986/87. It has been an exciting year with changes in Executive both at the start and now at the end, as one newly-elected slate of officers takes place. The names of the generous, hard-working individuals who will serve the Association over the next year are listed later in the **NEWS**.


The Editorial Team will greatly miss **Rita Shaughnessy's** calm, cool and collected approach to the **NEWS** production. Rita kept both Anne and I on an even keel all year long and, in her unobtrusive and efficient way, was responsible for much of the copy you have read this year. We are pleased though, to have **Marjorie Morphy** join the Team as Assistant Editor. Not only has Marjorie already given many years of service to the Association, her election should put an end to rumours of the **THLA NEWS** being taken over by an east end coalition!

With this issue you will be receiving your 1987/88 renewal forms. For those of you who did not renew your membership at the dinner meeting, please take some time to fill it out and send it, together with your cheque, to **Leanne Johnson**, our Treasurer. Try to do it

NOW so that it doesn't slip your mind. Renewals are due by June 30th, so time is of the essence!

Enjoy your summer! You will be hearing from us in late September.

Susan Hendricks
Anne Kubjas



When I first joined the editorial team in 1984, three years seemed like a pretty lengthy commitment, but now that my term is over, I marvel at how swiftly the time has passed. I will miss working with Susan and Anne and being at the pulse of the news. We really were a great team! I have watched the membership grow each year to a record high of 175 this past year - just one indication of **THLA's** strength and vitality. I am pleased and proud that our experiment to automate and centralize the production of the membership list, as well as the printing and mailing of the Newsletter has been successful. As a result, distribution of the **NEWS** is more efficient and cost-effective too.

In future, as a recipient of the **NEWS**, I'm certain I will read it with the keen and critical eye of one who knows what's involved.

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Please note that we have included in this issue an order form for the new edition of the Union List of Periodicals. As they say, order now, while quantities last!

Rita Shaughnessy
Editor

Mary Boite, who takes over as President - best wishes and enjoy! I look forward to 1987/88. Have a good summer!

Catherine Pepper
President

INSIDE CIRCUIT

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To all THLA members and especially to my fellow executive members (**Mary Boite**, **Susanne Tabur**, **Leanne Johnson** and **Rita Shaughnessy**), my thanks for a good year. I am especially pleased that the Association will now be better supported financially through the fee of \$15.00. The minutes, annual report and treasurer's report are contained elsewhere in the newsletter for detailed information. I have learned much in my terms, first as President-Elect and then President. In the future I would like to see THLA grapple with its role in continuing education (outside of general meetings); how best to deal with the Union List, which is a mammoth undertaking; and how to support THLA's special interest groups.

I extend a warm welcome to **Tsai-O Wong** as incoming President-Elect and to **Susan Hendricks** who now becomes THLA NEWS editor. A special farewell to **Rita Shaughnessy** who now leaves the executive after 3 years with the NEWS - an excellent job well done. To

MEETINGS PAST

March Meeting

About 55 people attended the March 23 meeting at Women's College Hospital to hear **Diane Winand's** address on the origins and history of **PaperChase**, an end-user searching system developed at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston by physicians for physicians. It is simple to use, menu-driven with a built-in MESH vocabulary so that users need not spend time in advance to search. The system can also be used to order copies of "hits" at \$6.00 per item. The cost of the average search varies from \$7 - 8 (US). A demonstration of the system followed. More information about PaperChase can be obtained from : PaperChase, Beth Israel Hospital, 330 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215. (617) 735-2253.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual dinner meeting was held at the Harbour Castle Hilton on May 11th with about 65 people attending. **Catherine Pepper** began the business part of the meeting by introducing the 1986/87 executive and the incoming executive (**M. Boite**, president; **Tsai-O Wong**, president-elect; **Leanne Johnson**, treasurer; **Susan Hendricks**, newsletter editor; and **Anne Kubjas** and **Marjorie Morphy**, assistant newsletter editors), briefly outlining the activities of the year, and thanking **Eleanor Hayes** for being a one-person union list committee and getting the list out. Catherine introduced a motion to raise membership fees to \$15.00; this was seconded by **Mary Boite** and carried unanimously.

Tracy Tremayne-Lloyd spoke on three aspects of her work as a lawyer and advocate for health professionals: First, on her practice, largely devoted to civil litigation, especially health disciplines advocacy on behalf of health professionals. Her cases mostly involve complaints from the public about health professionals, often cases of reimbursement from the public purse. This type of litigation has increased dramatically in the years she has been practicing for several reasons: (a) the public is now more demanding of health professionals and less accepting of risk and often wants somewhere to place blame; (b) there are ever increasing levels of stress for health professionals, often seen in substance abuse by

them; (c) the influence of government in the health areas which results in the public philosophy that "it's my right to have the very best free service." Secondly, Tracey described the history of the Canadian Bar Association's Committee on the Legal Aspects of AIDS which has now published a report which is available from the Bar Association for \$25.00.³¹ Thirdly, she spoke about how lawyers and librarians can work together, saying that success in litigation is the result of³⁰ extensive preparation and that regular liaison between lawyers and librarians is essential to the success of litigation and the two groups should cooperate with one another. In response to a question about liability for information provided by librarians, Tracey said that this should not be a source of fear because it is up to the person requesting the information to assess the quality of the information. On the question of conflict of interest, Tracey suggested that librarians in these situations can offer service on a consulting basis.

Susanne Tabur
Secretary

INTEREST GROUPS

QUALITY ASSURANCE GROUP

The QA Interest Group held its final meeting at the University of Toronto on March 24, 1987. The group met once a month for approximately two years and has

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tackled a variety of issues pertaining to quality assurance in hospitals.

A complete set of the proceedings of this group, including all the background documentation, is retained in the OMA Library, as well as in the THLA Archives, and may be viewed by interested hospital librarians.

It is possible that the group may re-emerge at a future date, should the need arise. The members have already expressed a willingness to assist, if required, the CHLA Task Force on Hospital Library Standards.

MICROCOMPUTER INTEREST GROUP

The last meeting of the year was hosted by **Ken Ladd** at the TIMT Library on Apr. 28. **Dee Beattie**, president of DSE Software Inc. demonstrated the BiblioFile Catalog Production System. The system consists of LC Marc records on CD-ROM, as well as the software required to facilitate searches to produce derived cataloguing. Output includes records on floppy disc, catalogue card sets, spine labels and pocket labels. Records include NLM classification and MeSH headings where appropriate.

There will be no more meetings until the fall, with details being announced in the next newsletter.

Any inquiries about the above should be directed to **Dorothy Davey**, 485-0377.

DISABILITY RESOURCE LIBRARY NETWORK

The DRLN held a meeting in May at the Ontario Easter Seal Society. **Theresa Hachey**, Resource Centre and Central Records Manager, gave DRLN members a tour of the newly opened Easter Seal and Blissymbolic Communication Institute Office in Don Mills. Guest speaker **Randy Tighe**, of the Disability Information Services of Canada (DISC), described the opportunities available for the electronic exchange of information via their computerized network based in Calgary.

The next meeting of the DRLN is scheduled for Sept. 15, 2:30 p.m. at the North York Public Library. For any further information contact **Robert Jaeggin**, CRCD Librarian and Co-Chairperson of DRLN, 862-0340.

CONFERENCE TROTTING

CHLA in Vancouver

During the Conference (May 24-27) Vancouver was graced with sunny warm weather which enabled one to fully appreciate its spectacular beauty - mountains, ocean and lush greenery. I'm still missing it. The theme was "Maximizing Resources: Management, Marketing, People, Priorities". The keynote address, "Building Human Relations: the Art of Communication", was given by **Karen Harrison**, Consultant, supplied valuable tips on im-

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proving interpersonal skills - one being the importance of the handshake, something women in particular need to work on. I got some insights on how to identify and draw out the talents of others from **Peter Frost's** presentation "Unlocking Human Potential: the Key to Motivation". The panel of librarians who shared their experiences with the technologies of CD-ROM, telefacsimilie, bar-coding, electronic mail and photocopy control gave us all an excellent knowledge update.

McAinsh publishing company is commended for sponsoring a superb reception held at the Vancouver Aquarium. We savoured the delicious and abundant hor d'oeuvres surrounded by an underwater world of brilliantly coloured tropical fish. Two charming killer whales impressed us with a show of their funny antics and intelligent tricks.

Finally, the banquet on Monday evening was a gourmet feast - the salmon main course was the best I've ever had. Afterwards, a group of young actors from a local company entertained us with a hilarious spoof on health librarians, with plenty of audience participation - all in good fun! It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening, thanks to the excellent planning and ingenuity of our Vancouver hosts.

I was delighted to run into **Bev Brown**, our Past-President who recently moved to Winnipeg, and **Jenny O'Grady**, who is now a Vancouverite. She generously toured a group of us around Vancouver in her new

mini-bus. Bev is doing well and enjoying both her job at the University of Manitoba and life in Winnipeg. Both Jenny and Bev send their best regards to THLA members. Next year - Halifax!

Rita Shaughnessy
Editor

MLA in Portland, OR May 15 - 21

The conference theme **Confluence: Source of New Energy** drew our attention to the diversity of issues facing health sciences librarianship. Some of the major issues presented were: the impact of computer and communication technologies, ethical issues in patient care, new direction in biomedical research, legal liability of health professionals and the impact of the consumer health movement.

From the Hospital Librarians Section, we were reminded that as information specialists, we must keep up with current knowledge in information technology, master a new range of skills, know our clientele, network with other health professionals and health information providers, be proactive in anticipating information needs and be cost-efficient.

The Consumers Health Section sponsored two well-known speakers, **Dr. Tom Ferguson**, Editor-in-Chief of Medical Self Care, and **Professor Allan M. Rees**, Consumer Advocate and author. Both of them emphasize the importance of providing health information to the

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public, as more and more consumers actively participate in their own health decision-making. We must be able to respond to their health information needs.

I also attended the CE Course, **Guide to Drug Information Sources**, facilitated by **Bonnie Snow** of Dialog. Both the printed resources and reference search tools were presented in great detail. Members who wish to examine the syllabus are welcome to borrow it from me.

Tsai-O Wong
President-Elect

Vancouver!

MARKETPLACE

Fully qualified Library Technician is seeking a permanent full-time position in a health library. Some experience in a health library. Available immediately. Call **Hatim Kham-balia**, (416) 463-0398.

FACES & PLACES

Susanne Tabur, Assistant Head, Science & Medicine Library, University of Toronto, has been appointed to the Advisory Board of the Canadian Periodical Index. She notes that CPI has expanded its coverage of health sciences journals from three titles to twenty-one since the end of 1986. We're proud of you, Susanne.

Jenny O'Grady has left Toronto's Sunnybrook Medical Centre and has moved to North Vancouver, B.C., and is checking out the job prospects there. **Jennifer Armstrong**, formerly of the Academy of Medicine, assumes the position at Sunnybrook. Jennifer's replacement at the Academy is **Colleen Mulloy**, from guess where - UBC's MLS program,

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Annual Report 1986-87

Executive Members: Catherine Pepper, President
Mary Boite, President-Elect
Susanne Tabur, Secretary
Leanne Johnson, Treasurer
Beverly Brown, Past-President (1986)
Rita Shaughnessy, Editor THLA NEWS

Editorial Team: Susan Hendricks, Associate Editor
Anne Kubjas, Assistant Editor

General Members' Meetings

There were 5 general meetings beginning on October 27/86 at Riverdale Hospital, with presentations by speakers from Nurses for Social Responsibility and Library and Information Workers for Peace. This was followed on December 8 with the always popular annual Christmas party at the Ontario Cancer Institute Staff House. The University of Toronto, Science and Medicine Library hosted an evening demonstration of CD-ROM on February 2, 1987 and a PaperChase demonstration was given at Women's College Hospital March 23. The annual dinner meeting May 11 at the Harbour Castle Hotel featured guest speaker Tracey Tremaine-Lloyd, a lawyer specializing in health disciplines advocacy work.

THLA NEWS has to date 4 issues with a fifth scheduled for June 1987.

Special Interest Groups

The Microcomputer Group and the Disability Resource Library Network are still going strong, each with their own series of meetings. The Quality Assurance Group completed its work and has now disbanded.

Projects

Largely through the initiating efforts of Bev Brown, former Past-President, THLA co-sponsored with the University of Toronto, Faculty of Library and Information Science (FLIS), a one-day workshop on Library Collections and Services in the Health Sciences. THLA members developed and gave presentations to the registrants who were largely, but not exclusively, FLIS students.

The fifth edition of the Toronto Health Libraries Association Union List of Serials came off the press May 1987. THLA is pleased with the results and very thankful for all the labour of the editor, Eleanor Hayes.

1986/87 was an active year for our 170 member-strong association and we look forward to 1987.

submitted by **Catherine Pepper,**
President, THLA.

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FINANCIAL REPORT MAY 27, 1986 - JUNE 4, 1987.

BALANCE MAY 27, 1986	CHEQUING	SAVINGS
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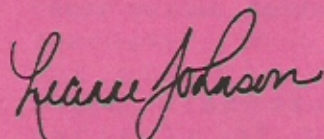
INCOME

Christmas Party	383.70	
Dinner Meeting	1339.00	
Interest	6.88	79.28
Memberships	1156.00	28.00
Transfer from Savings	145.60	
Union List	2352.00	
Workshop Fees	<u>300.00</u>	
Total	5683.18	<u>107.28</u>

EXPENDITURES

Bank Service Charges	14.50	
Christmas Party	670.90	
Dinner Meeting	1547.78	
Flowers	96.79	
Honorariums	300.00	
Newsletter	952.58	
Stationary	5.34	
Transfer to Chequing		145.60
Transportation	34.75	
Union List	2000.00	
Workshop	<u>287.76</u>	
Total	5910.40	<u>145.60</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS JUNE 4, 1987.	CHEQUING	SAVINGS
	735.38	1195.20



Leanne Johnson
Treasurer
June 4, 1987.