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Editors' Corner

As incoming senior editor for the 1988/89 **NEWS**, it seems I'm allowed a few words in this the last issue of the **NEWS** for 1987/88. I promise (to try) to be brief and to the point.

First, and very important, I would like you all to note that this issue includes the 1988/89 membership renewal form. Please take the time to fill it out NOW and return it (with your cheque), as indicated to our new treasurer, **Ken Ladd**. Doing this before the deadline of **June 30**, will ensure that you will receive the next issue of the **NEWS** and that you will be included on the membership list. You will also be making it much easier for us to produce both the next issue and the list on time.

I would also like to point out that if any of you wish to make submissions to the Sept. issue of the **NEWS**, please feel free to call me (691-9244), or send them to me at 2 Bracken Ave. Tor., M4E 1N2. Those of you who prefer to send something via HPI may send it to your associate editor, **Marjory Morphy**, at the North York General Hospital.

Happy holidays!

Anne Kubjas

I should have dictated this on the way home from our Annual Meeting because much of what I then had on my mind for this editorial has completely eluded me now. Whether it was the companionship of my fellow THLA members, or whether it was the pink champagne punch, I left that meeting feeling very good about THLA and its accomplishments. In particular, I was very much aware of how rewarding the past three years have been for me. Serving as a member of the THLA News team has improved my writing and organizational skills and introduced me to problem-solving techniques I never dreamed of; but more than that, it has expanded my contacts within our network to an extent I would not have thought possible. Many of these "contacts" have become friends and will remain a constant source of inspiration, ideas and advice as I continue to practise my profession.

The Newsletter has become increasingly sophisticated over the years as we have applied new technology to its production. Thanks to **Anne Kubjas**, microcomputer and word-processing technologies have enhanced

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both the look of the Newsletter and facilitated its production. Anne has been an invaluable assistant and has assumed a far greater responsibility in the production of the Newsletter than I had a right to expect. She will make a very capable and creative Editor and I wish her the best of luck as she assumes this office for the next year. I also would like to thank **Marjory Morphy** for her untiring devotion to detail and for managing her responsibilities so capably over the last year. She will be an excellent source of information to our new assistant editor, **Bonnie Brownstein**.

The Newsletter could not be what it has become without the excellent training that I received from my predecessors, **Rita Shaughnessy** and **Mary Boite**. They taught me well and possibly share some of the pride I feel in our publication. They must also have shared some of the feelings I am experiencing as I hand over this office to my successor. RELIEF...that the burden and responsibility of meeting copy and printing deadlines is over...but REGRET also, that I am no longer able to contribute to this most excellent Association in a tangible way; regret, too, that I no longer have an "inside track" into the happenings of the Association! One way to ensure that you know what is going on in the Toronto health libraries' scene is to serve on the Executive of THLA.

Thank you all for your encouragement and support over the past three years. I know

that you will extend the same to Anne as she assumes the Editor's chair.

Susan Hendricks
Senior Editor

INSIDE CIRCUIT

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The temptation to wax poetic or philosophical in this my last column for the **NEWS**, is almost irresistible. I will however resist, as I am afraid our departing editor, **Susan Hendricks**, will simply edit my best passages while succumbing to the same lure of sentiment herself.

The truth is I will miss having the chance to speak to all of you in this way. I have enjoyed my term as president; I have learned to chair a meeting (I hope), to represent the Association in various ways and to feel an even greater sense of involvement in my Professional Association than was earlier the case. I hope my term has benefitted THLA half as much.

As I remarked at the dinner meeting, we have had a very full year. The decision to become more involved in continuing education during the program year proved to be one that met with some success and we will continue to pursue it. We have developed closer ties with our interest/affiliated groups and will meet with them in the summer to better plan and co-ordinate our programs

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for next year. The ad hoc committee on the union list will be coming to the new executive with recommendations for updating and producing future editions.

As a final note, I have thanked and would like to do so again, both the out-going and continuing executive members with whom it has been both fun and a privilege to work. **Catherine Pepper** is a friend and has been a calming influence when things got a little crazy! Her good sense and good humour will be missed around the table, as will the departing **Suzanne Tabur** and **Leanne Johnson**. They will still be around to contribute to the Association on a regular basis.

All of us on the Executive are eagerly planning for a new and even better year in 1988/89. **Susan Murray** is busy thinking of programs to present when we meet in the fall. I hope to see as many of you as possible in Halifax for CHLA.

Mary Boite
President

Desperately Seeking Speakers

As president-elect I need help in arranging meeting topics for 1988-89 which will be useful and entertaining. Are you interested in a session on Grateful Med, developing in-house data bases, CD-ROM, electronic mail, or serials management? What would you like to discuss? If your organization has begun some new innovative service or if the library is involved in an interesting project, do consider this for the subject of a meet-

ing. In addition to scintillating subjects and speakers we also need members to volunteer their libraries as locations for meetings.

Anyone with suggestions for topics, speakers, or who wishes to loan their library for an evening, please call "desperately seeking" **Susan Murray** at 979-4372.

MARCH MEETING

Karen Turko provided a brief and succinct summary of disaster preparedness. She described a basic plan in three parts: (1) general preparedness involving survey of the collection, floor plans, lists of key people, lists of supplies; (2) response to a disaster in terms of a protocol to be followed in case of a disaster; and (3) ongoing preparedness for subsequent disasters. A very useful hand-out with bibliography was distributed to those present. (Copies are available from **Mary Boite** for those who could not attend). Two items from the bibliography were cited as being particularly important and available: Waters, Peter. Procedures for Salvage of Water-damaged Library Materials Washington, D.C.: Library of Congress, 1979.; and An Ounce of Prevention: a Handbook on Disaster Contingency Planning for Archives, Libraries and Record Centres. **John P. Barton** and **Johanna G. Wellheiser**, editors, Toronto: Toronto Area Archivists Group Education Foundation, 1985.

Karen's presentation was followed by a graphic illustrated talk by **Deidre Green**,

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recounting the disasters of last summer and winter when over \$100,000 of journals were lost at the Hospital for Sick Children by being contaminated with human waste.

Special thanks to Deidre for making the arrangements for refreshments.

Suzanne Tabur
Secretary

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

The THLA Annual Dinner Meeting, held on May 9th at the Loew's Westbury Hotel, was a resounding success! Special thanks must go to **Tsai-O Wong**, our new President, for organizing a most memorable event. The meal was unique: all of us will remember the chilled peach soup and the roast capon a l'alacantara. Some of us even remember the delicious champagne punch that was so generously dispensed before the meal by the hotel's friendly staff. Drinks were accompanied by "munchies". The room was elegant and the tables were inviting, thanks to the fresh flowers arranged by Tsai-O.

The Head Table featured our outgoing Executive and our new President-Elect, **Susan Murray**. **Mary Boite** gave a moving Presidential Farewell and thanked all the Executive members who have worked so untiringly over the past few years on behalf of the Association. Thank you, Mary, for your contributions to the Association on our behalf over the years.

The guest speaker, **Elena Jankowic**, president of the Etiquette Institute of Canada,

spoke on the implications of etiquette know-how in the business environment. She stressed the importance of maximizing our impact with senior administration by using the appropriate social conventions. By displaying a sophisticated outer image, others will perceive librarians as knowledgeable and trustworthy, Jankowic stated. Her presentation was followed by a brief, and sometimes humorous, question and answer period, which brought out certain social situations where sexism continues to be the norm. Considerable informal discussion followed her talk as those in attendance discussed whether sexism in restaurants' ordering procedures should continue in the name of "good etiquette", or whether women should be educating waiters to acknowledge women as individuals who are capable of placing their own orders. We leave the answers to you! Certainly, Jankowic's presentation elicited so much lively discussion after the meal that many lingered for quite some time after the banquet was over.

Thanks again to Tsai-O Wong for an entertaining evening!

Susan Hendricks

INTEREST GROUPS

DISABILITY RESOURCE LIBRARY NETWORK

The members of the DRLN met at Lyndhurst Hospital on May 25, 1988. A report on this

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meeting, and on the activities of the DRLN, will be included in the October 1988 issue of the THLA NEWS. For on-going information about the DRLN, please contact **Theresa Helik**, CNIB Librarian, at 480-7549.

MICROCOMPUTER INTEREST GROUP

Two meetings were held in 1988. Unfortunately, due to poor response, the January and April meeting had to be cancelled.

The February 23rd meeting included a demonstration by **Anne Farwell** of CanEbsco's new CD-Medline. Five members were present. There were several features which were found interesting: search key highlighted, ability to produce ILL lists, user security, SDI and MeSH browsing. A Core and Comprehensive Medline exists which include both 2 years and current year.

The March 16th meeting had a demonstration by **Joan Rataic-Lang**, Avec Technical Services, of Datatrek's Card Datalog library automation software. Five members were present. This fully integrated system uses D-Base and is priced about the same as Sydney. Everyone was quite impressed by the system, which had some interesting features such as browsing authorities (with hits) and fines handling.

With such a poor response to the meetings, a reassessment of our group will occur. If any members have suggestions for topics or timing of the meetings, please call **Kenn Ladd** at 596-3124.

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The members of the Consultative Committee have chosen the Consultant to undertake the Needs Analysis Study (NAS). The Consultant is Campbell Consulting Ltd. The study will take place during June, and into the first weeks of July.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

OCTOBER IS EDUCATION AND CONFERENCE MONTH IN TORONTO

Plan now and save your education dollars for two of the best conferences that we have seen in a while. The UNYOC and the OHLA Annual Meetings will be running back to back this year and both will be held in Toronto. This offers a unique chance for librarians to benefit from courses and to hear speakers of unparalleled stature!

UNYOC starts off the course of events on Wed. Oct. 12. The conference will be held at the Westbury Hotel and runs from Oct. 12 - 15. Guest speakers include **James Matarazzo**, a member of the President's Task Force on the Value of the Information Professional; **Vic Stoughton**, C.E.O. at the Toronto General Hospital; and **David King**, of the University of Illinois, whose work on library services and the quality of patient care in hospitals was featured in a recent **BMLA**. Plan to attend and "Discover Your Worth!"

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Courses to be offered during this week are:

Getting the Most out of the Library's Micro.

Date: Wed. Oct. 12/88.

Place: Westbury Hotel.

Instructor: Lynne Howarth

MEDLINE on NLM and BRS: a Comparison of Search Capabilities.

Date: Wed. Oct. 12/88.

Place: Westbury Hotel.

Instructor: BRS Representative

Data for Decision-Making

Date: Sat. Oct. 15/88.

Place: FLIS, U. of T.

Instructor: Dr. Charles R. McClure

Medline Search Strategy

Date: Sat. Oct. 15/88.

Place: Sci. Med. Library, U of T

Instructor: CISTI Representative

Final details for the above four courses will be available in the pre-registration package which will be distributed in July. Further details may be obtained from Joanne Marshall at FLIS.

OHLA will run on Mon. Oct. 17 and the OHA Convention will continue into the middle of that week. The theme for this conference is "Thin Ice: Legal and Ethical Hazards of Providing Medical Information". Afternoon sessions will address the issue of copyright and the implications of the impending legislation.

The Conference Hotel for OHLA/OHA will once again be L'Hotel.

Courses at this conference are:

Career Self Management

Date: Oct. 16/88.

Instructor: Barbara Moses

Basic Cataloguing

Date: Oct. 16/88.

Instructor: Sylvia Katzer

For further information contact Dora McPherson at University Hospital in London: (519) 663-3465. Details of these courses will be published in the next OHLA Newsline in July.

**CANADA ONLINE II
USING INFORMATION FOR BUSINESS**

Date: Dec. 12 -14, 1988.

Place: Sheraton Centre, Toronto

This conference will be supported this year by, among others, the Special Libraries Association - Toronto Chapter, The Canadian Association for Information Science, and the Canadian Library Association. It is advertised as the largest and most complete conference in Canada focussing exclusively on online research and the information industry. Case studies by actual users of online services and data bases specific to their needs and environments will round out the program of seminars, competitive intelligence research, getting started with online, and online for scientific and technological research. Also featured will be exhibitions of online industry vendors and producers in Canada with presentations and demonstrations of the latest advances and developments in the industry as well as continuous product reviews in the exhibit hall lecture hall.

The registration fee of \$500.00 includes lunches and complimentary bar at the end of

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each day. (\$100.00 discount for members of supporting associations).

Contact: **Renee Roy**,
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tioned as head librarian for the last 3 months of CRCD employment. Co-author of CRCD Classification Scheme, 3rd revised ed. Compiled accompanying Index & Thesaurus. Library Technician diploma from Ryerson, B.A. from U. of T. Available immediately. Contact: **Nora Drutz**, 141 Davisville Ave., Apt. 1911, Toronto, M4S 1G7. 485-1684 or 767-2289.

FACES & PLACES

Colin Hoare, a member of the Hospitality Committee, is seeking four to six Volunteers to assist at the Hospitality Desk during the UNYOC Annual Meeting, October 12 - 14, 1988. If you are interested, please contact him at: Corporate Library, Hoffman-LaRoche Ltd., Ste. 700, 401 The West Mall, Etobicoke, Ont., M9C 5J4. 620-2849.

The **Osler Campus** of Humber College has been sold and the Library will be closing. Because of this, that Library will no longer be able to supply articles as indicated in the Union List. This will be in effect as of Aug. 1988.

MARKETPLACE

A qualified library technician is seeking a position. Former assistant librarian at the Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled (which was recently suspended), func-

IN MEMORIUM

Carol Lanthier of the Reference Department at the Science and Medicine Library, University of Toronto, died peacefully at home on Sunday April 10 after a long battle with cancer. Carol was frequently seen at THLA meetings and always brought great spirit with her to everything she attempted. She assisted at several THLA meetings and helped to count the ballots in the elections of 1987. Her husband, **Paul Lanthier**, survives her. THLA has made a memorial donation on her behalf to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 4, 1987 - JUNE 2, 1988.

BALANCE JUNE 4, 1987.	CHEQUING	SAVINGS
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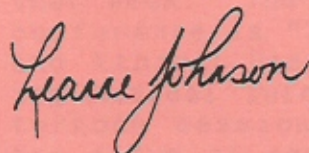
INCOME

Christmas Party	421.00	
Dinner Meeting	1860.00	
Donations	150.00	
Interest	15.93	90.20
Memberships	2434.00	
Union List	1710.00	
Workshop Fees	<u>30.00</u>	
Total	6620.93	<u>1285.40</u>

EXPENSES

Bank Service Charges	8.50
CHLA Conference Registration	90.00
Cheque Returned	19.00
Christmas Party	643.25
Dinner Meeting	1974.03
Flowers	110.75
Honorariums	423.00
Meeting Charges	115.14
Memoriums	100.00
Newsletter	1481.32
Stationary	34.42
Telephone Charges	17.07
Union List	<u>1745.00</u>
Total	6761.48

STATEMENT OF ASSETS JUNE 2, 1988	CHEQUING	SAVINGS
	594.83	1285.40



Leanne Johnson
Treasurer
June 2, 1988