

THLA NEWS

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Editors' Corner

The end of the THLA year is quickly approaching and it is time to cast your ballots for next year's Executive. Please remember to send in your votes - we are electing an almost completely new slate of officers this time. The results will be announced, as usual, at the May dinner meeting and in the News published later that month.

This is the last issue of the News before the annual general meeting and dinner. Details of both the March and the May meetings are offered for your anticipation elsewhere in this issue. Read carefully - you won't want to miss out on an exciting couple of events!

And try to remember - Spring is coming!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April Windus was our featured speaker at the February 4th meeting at the Northern District library. Her enthusiastic presentation of the joys and frustrations of providing health information to the general public did much to enliven a gloomy winter evening. The practical discussion on how to build and maintain a health information collection was of interest not only to THLA members

but also to the public librarians who attended. Copies of much of the resource material for collection development that April has compiled were available to members. Enquiries for additional copies should be directed to President-Elect Catherine Pepper at 392-7450.

Our upcoming meeting on March 24th at the Warner-Lambert / Parke-Davis Library promises to be very informative. The slide presentations as well as the special opportunity of touring a pharmacy library should be of special interest to THLA members. The pharmaceutical libraries within the association (nine, by my count) and their librarians are an important group within THLA.

Enclosed with this issue of THLA News are the ballot forms for the election of the 1986-87 Executive. We have a field of eight very able candidates. To these members, for their interest and eagerness to serve THLA, we are most grateful. We also appreciate the hard work and persuasive talents of Past-President Jan Greenwood and her Nominations Committee members, Sheila Swanson and Catherine Weisenberger. It remains for all of us to respond, to exercise our democratic rights and to vote.

Bev Brown
President



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INSIDE CIRCUIT

MEETINGS, MEETINGS, MEETINGS

Date: Monday, March 24, 1986

Time: 6:00 p.m. buffet (courtesy of our host)
7:00 p.m. meeting,
Training Centre

Place: Warner-Lambert / Parke-Davis
2200 Eglinton Ave. East,
Scarborough

Slide Presentations:

- 1) "Healing through the ages" (a history of pharmacy) presented by Dan Walker, Phm. B.
- 2) "The medicated generation" (self-medication, especially of seniors) presented by Murray Heatherington, Phm. B.

Talk/Tour:

Edna Allen will talk briefly on "Our pharmaceutical library"

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

R.S.V.P. If you have not already done so, please contact Bev Brown at 482-2340, ext.160 by March 19. This is essential for buffet planning.

Directions: TTC subway to Kennedy; Eglinton 34 bus westbound to first stop after Birchmount (bus runs every 10 mins.; estimated time from Yonge & Bloor - 35 minutes).

Parking: lots on either side of the building

Note: enter via side doors and proceed to security desk. Directions will be there for buffet.

Date: Monday, May 5, 1986 annual dinner meeting

Time: 6:00 p.m. reception and cash bar
7:00 p.m. dinner

Place: The Westin Hotel
145 Richmond St. West--
Governor-General's Suite,
Mezzanine level

Guest Speaker and Topic

Kathleen McDonnell, co-editor of The Healthsharing Book and author of Not an Easy Choice: A Feminist Re-Examines Abortion, currently editing an international anthology on women and pharmaceuticals. She will speak on the bias against women in medical literature.

****MENU****

Cream of tomato soup with basil

Watercress and romainessalad with herb vinaigrette

Chicken florentine - breast of chicken stuffed with spinach, served with sherry sauce

Baked Alaska with blackberry sauce

Tea or coffee

Cost: \$25.00 members; \$27.00 non-members (Non-refundable)

R.S.V.P. and cheques to Catherine Weisenberger, 435 Roehampton Ave. Toronto M4P 1S3 (Tel.: 483-2695) by April 30

Special dietary requirements (strict vegetarian, allergies, etc.) to

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Catherine Pepper at 392-7450.

Directions: Close to Osgoode subway stop. The hotel is 1 block south of Queen between York and University. Parking available across from hotel and in hotel lot (\$3.00 after 6:00 p.m.)

1986 ELECTIONS

Enclosed with this THLA News is the 1986 ballot form and a brief biographical sketch of each candidate.

An unprecedented number of positions on the Executive became vacant this year and the Nominations and Elections Committee is grateful to have found 8 members willing to run for office. Please show your appreciation by casting your vote. Thank you.

Jan Greenwood
Past-President and
Chair of the Nominations and Elections
Committee

Note from the Editor: This, the first 'feature article' sent to the editorial office for inclusion in the News, was submitted by Margaret Matheson, Librarian at the CNIB. We hope that others will be inspired to follow her lead.

Sherman Swift Reference Library

Sherman C. Swift was a major figure in the development of library services for the blind in Canada. With the establishment of the C.N.I.B. National Library Division in 1981 a small print collection of CNIB archival

material and general reference literature on blindness was named the Sherman Swift Reference Library.

Today, this library offers approximately 1300 monographs, 80 serials and an extensive vertical file collection of material on the social sciences and humanities aspects of blindness and visual impairment. Although the collection is primarily intended for the use of CNIB staff and registered clients, other researchers are welcome to borrow material on an interlibrary loan basis.

The major subject areas of the Sherman Swift Reference collection reflect departmental services and teaching programs maintained at the CNIB such as orientation and mobility, rehabilitation, recreation and social services. Additional subject development reflects the concerns of both professional groups and of the general public and includes topics ranging from special education and mainstreaming to biography and history. Medical and diagnostic titles are largely excluded, although the collection does include the low vision literature.

This is an invaluable collection of specialized literature which deserves to be used to its fullest extent. Although there is as yet no printed catalogue of Reference Library holdings, partial access is provided by acquisitions lists which are distributed three times per year to Reference Library clients. These lists include an information bulleting as well as periodic subject bibliographies of Reference holdings.

If you would like your name included on our mailing list please

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contact David Reynolds, Research Assistant, Sherman Swift Reference Library, The Canadian National Institute for the Blind, 1929 Bayview Ave., Toronto, M4G 3E8 (Tel.: (416) 486-2687)

MARY CONCHELOS has accepted the part-time position of Medical Librarian at St. Joseph's General Hospital in Peterborough.

MARKET PLACE

O.M.A. LIBRARY HANDBOOK

Unbound copies of the 1982 Manual have now been reproduced and will be available at \$6.00 until the 3rd edition has gone to print. Those who have requested a copy should contact Susan Eckert of the O.M.A. Library at (416) 963-9383, Ext. 246.

INTEREST GROUPS

QUALITY ASSURANCE INTEREST GROUP

The Group is compiling a bibliography of references about Quality Assurance in selected hospital departments and services. Participating librarians are Verla Empey, Wellesley Hospital, Tsai-o Wong, Mississauga Hospital, Linda MacFarlane, Sunnybrook Medical Centre, Elizabeth Reid, Toronto Western, Jan Greenwood, Ontario Medical Association, Marjory Morphy, North York General, Anita Wond, St. Michael's and Susan Hendricks, Oshawa General.

Selected references for Housekeeping and Materials Management were published in the February 1986 issue of the Quality Assurance Quarterly; additional bibliographies will follow in subsequent issues.

FACES & PLACES

KAY BEACOCK, formerly at Northwestern General and Humber Memorial Hospitals, is now working at the Hospital for Sick Children.

Her replacement at Humber Memorial (part-time position) is MARY DORBOLO.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FOR THLA 1986-7 CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

MARY BOITE, a graduate of Dalhousie University, has been at the R.N.A.O. since October 1980. She chaired the Hospitality Committee for the 1984 CHLA Annual Meeting and has been Editor of **THLA News** since 1983.

GAYLE CASEY, is a graduate of F.L.I.S., University of Toronto. She came recently from the position of Health Sciences Librarian at the St. Catharines General Hospital to assume responsibility for the library at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

PATRICIA FORTIN, has been in her current position at T.I.M.T. for 3 1/2 years, prior to which she was librarian at the Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled where she developed the first C.R.C.D. Classification Scheme. She graduated from F.L.I.S., University of Toronto, in 1981.

LEANNE JOHNSON, received her M.L.S. from the University of Toronto in 1980 after which she worked as Technical Services Librarian at the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College. She has been at Connaught Laboratories Limited since 1982.

ANNE KUBJAS, graduated from F.L.I.S., University of Toronto in 1979. Before going to Scarborough General Hospital, she had a short-term contract position in the Library at the Doctor's Hospital, Toronto.

LINDA LINTON, currently a second year student at F.L.I.S., University of Toronto, worked at the Oshawa General Hospital Library during 1985. She has experience also in the field of early childhood education.

SUSANNE TABUR, after graduating from the University of Alberta, Edmonton, completed an M.L.S. at the University of Toronto in 1975. That year she joined the Robarts Library staff in Technical Services and moved to the Science and Medicine Library in October 1982.

JENNIFER TAYLOR, graduated from F.L.I.S. at Toronto in 1983, having previously received a M.Sc. in physiology and having pursued a career in medical technology. She became Reference Librarian at the Toronto Academy of Medicine in March 1984.

TORONTO HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

1986 BALLOT

Please vote for **one** candidate in **each** category, by placing an (X) in the appropriate box.

This ballot must be **received no later than April 25, 1986**. Please mark all envelopes "THLA Ballot 1986" and mail to: Jan Greenwood, Past-President THLA, c/o Ontario Medical Association, 250 Bloor St. East, Suite 600, Toronto, Ontario M4W 3P8.

PRESIDENT-ELECT

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Registered Nurses Association of Ontario |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Leanne Johnson | Librarian,
Connaught Laboratories Limited |

SECRETARY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gayle Casey | Health Sciences Librarian,
Queen Elizabeth Hospital |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Susanne Tabur | Reference Librarian and Assistant Head,
Science and Medicine Library,
University of Toronto |

TREASURER (BY ACCLAMATION)

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| Jennifer Taylor | Reference Librarian,
Toronto Academy of Medicine |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Linda Linton | Student, Faculty of Library
and Information Science,
University of Toronto |
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