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SLA’S 2004 Leadership Summit
Gail Stahl

As you may know, one of the responsibilities of SLA Chapter Presidents and Presidents-Elect is attendance at the January Leadership Summit. This year we met in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The sessions included a dynamic keynote speaker from JetBlue, and two days of practical sessions on best practices. The topics ranged from “how not to run a meeting” to successful fundraising practices!

After agreement of chapter and division officers, the SLA Board of Directors made the decision to adopt a new naming model for the association. This strategic move (not re-naming of the association) retains the “SLA” acronym, and acknowledges that we use the acronym most often to describe our organization. We will now operate publicly using the acronym in place of the extended name (Special Libraries Association). The Association will continue to operate legally and financially as “Special Libraries Association.”

Another important business item of this meeting was the approval of new governing documents for SLA chapters and divisions. The documents will be replacing the unit by-laws, and are part of the simplification review of SLA’s documents and processes. More on this soon!

Did You Lace Up for Literacy?
Margo Surovik-Bohnert

As the sun rose on the morning of Saturday, November 22, 2003, so did the many participants of the first Annual Race for Literacy 5K. One hundred and thirty five runners and walkers joined Literacy Volunteers of Atlanta in “lacing up for literacy.” Held around the Decatur Square, the participants enjoyed a fast, flat route through historic downtown Decatur. Afterwards, awards were given to the top finishers and gifts were raffled off as well.

The momentum of race day morning has lasted long after the volunteers and race committee disassembled and packed up for the day. Staff, volunteers, and especially the race committee are delighted at the successful turnout the first annual race generated. Serving on the race committee was SLA-GA member Margo Surovik-Bohnert.

Next year, LVA hopes to double the numbers of participants, and if possible, the excitement! Let’s organize an SLA-GA walking and/or running team for the event— anyone interested?
**Treasurer's Report And Resolution For New Year**

*Ernie Evangelista*

Happy New Year! With presents long opened, wrapping paper discarded and holiday weight about to be shed through renewed exercise commitments, I’m sure that many of you are glad to begin 2004 with a clean slate. In the way that we visit our physicians for an annual examination, the New Year gives us an opportunity to assess how 2003 compared to past years of Georgia chapter activity.

The figures below were taken from Quicken records for the chapter’s operating and reserve accounts as of December 31 of each year.

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As the figures above indicate, chapter balances have steadily increased in the last three years. In particular, in 2003, the chapter derived $2000.00 of extraordinary income from the South Atlantic Regional Conference (SARC) in Asheville in September 2002.

Let’s keep the momentum going. If you attended chapter events last year, I hope that you’ll continue to do so in 2004. But this year, why not bring colleagues or other interested folks with you? It would be terrific if the chapter could sustain an attendance of over forty at our events this year. Let’s resolve to make that happen!

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**Mark Your Calendars!**

SLA’s Incoming President, Ethel Salonen, will be our guest speaker at our Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 27th, Noon-1:30pm

**WHERE:** Anthony’s (Buckhead)

**WHAT:** Meet our incoming SLA President, elect officers for 2004-5, and enjoy lunch at an Atlanta classic restaurant.

More to follow!
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What a success! This was no ordinary holiday party. Folks were having such a good time that people were still hanging out long after the bar closed. It was good to see SLA leaders and members who have kept us going throughout our recent history - some who don’t always attend any more. It was also nice to meet several new members.

Thanks to our generous sponsors Factiva and EBSCO for helping defray the cost so we each paid a small amount relative to the real cost of location, gourmet food and beverages.

This was the second year that we held our party at the Emory Conference Center because people raved about it so much at the 2002 event. They really know how to serve up attractive as well as tasty appetizers and desserts. Parking was free and it was convenient - at least for those who came. We don’t necessarily want to get stuck in a rut. We would like to hear from you whether or not you attended. Where would you like the 2004 event to be held? What locations do you know about that are convenient, attractive, prepare good food - and will not break the budget? Email Marcia Abrams at mabrams@cadence-group.com with your ideas and suggestions.
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