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President’s Letter

Charles Shellabarger, President

A Sense of Community

As I write this, I am just back from rollerblading in Piedmont Park. And what did I see? Segways in the park. Technology marches on. What does this have to do with SLA? I don’t know, early adopters? Or is it a faster way to get to point A to B? See more of the park? Or is it a way to effortlessly enjoy the park? All could be true.

Now this is SLA too. While we use cutting edge technology, do more in a shorter amount of time, gather more information than ever thought possible, and pull information from the ether rather than getting up and retrieving a book.

So like all those in the park we all are participating in common pursuits. We are a community. So while the leaves are changing, no cracks about white hair, mark your calendar for December 2.

Marcia Abrams has done another superb job of organizing the event. She has culled the winners from last year’s menu and added a number of surprises. Location is the same as last year. We hope to see you there.

Clara Williams has set the brown bag lunches for the first three months of the year. Again she has done a great job both in subject and covering the metro area. There should be something for everyone.

In April we will host President-Elect Ethel Salonen. Gail Stahl is working with the South Carolina chapter to coordinate the twin visits. This should be a lively meeting and a fitting kickoff to the upcoming Annual meeting in Nashville.

If you have never been to this conference now is your chance. Closer and cheaper than New York, this is an excellent opportunity for growth, knowledge and community.
Visit To ‘New’ Atlanta History Center Recounted

Sara June McDavid

On October 21, the Georgia Chapter met at the new library and archives of the Atlanta History Center at 130 W. Paces Ferry Road. Library Director Michael Rose led the group on a tour of public and “behind the scenes” areas.

Previously housed in cramped quarters on the Atlanta History Center campus, the library reopened in January of this year as the James G. Kenan Research Center. The expanded facility in McElreath Hall now has a total of 42,000 square feet and upgraded facilities for archival storage and public research space.

The collection has more than 3.5 million items with a focus on the history and culture of Atlanta and the southern region. The holdings include 33,000 volumes; a visual collection of 1.5 million historic photographs, prints, maps and architectural drawings; and nearly 1,000 cataloged manuscript collections comprised of business records, private papers, documents, newspapers and microfilm.

The library contains a number of interesting special collections, which Rose described for the group. Items from the special collections may be used by the public in the reading room. A sampling of these collections are the Philip T. Shutze and Harvey M. Smith collections of design and decorative arts resources; the Beverly M. DuBose Jr. resources on the Civil War, and the Cherokee Garden Library composed of publications and rare books on gardening, botany, landscape design and agriculture.

Another collection, which was a highlight of the chapter visit, is the room reconstructing Franklin Garrett’s study, complete with his personal library. Garrett was a founder of the Atlanta Historical Society and was Atlanta’s official historian for many years. It is a cozy room with an overstuffed armchair where you can curl up with a history book and read for hours if you wish.

The Research Room is free to the public and is staffed with reference archivists to assist on-site researchers. It is open from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Patrons are required to register and must show one form of photo identification; registration cards are valid for one year from the time of registration. The library has a web-based catalog, which can be searched at http://64.105.244.82/.

Our visit ended with the presentation of a donation in the amount of $100 from the chapter to the Research Center. After the meeting, a dozen members enjoyed a Dutch treat dinner at the Grand China restaurant in Buckhead.

Did You See?


Wingfield, Nick: Can Webvan founder succeed with online archives? The Wall Street Journal, Monday, July 21, 2003, pp. B1, B3 -- Louis Borders has formed KeepMedia Inc, an online newsstand that will make years of back issues of more than 140 popular magazines available through the Web.
Above and at right, members enjoy conversation and tapas at the Loca Luna social on September 23.

Below, Wayne Mills and Annie Tilden catch up by the indoor pond at the restaurant.

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Has anyone attended any weddings recently?

On Tuesday night, September 23, I felt like a bride’s father during a reception: Guests were chatting and mingling as festive music was heard in the background.

This was the scene at Loca Luna Restaurant during a chapter meeting that I planned and hosted. Like a bride’s parents, I wondered if guests enjoyed themselves and had enough to eat and drink. At 8:30 that night, as members meandered to their cars, my anxious feelings were allayed.

While you’ll read more about our chapter’s kick-off event elsewhere in this newsletter, I am pleased to report that, from a financial perspective, “Tuesday Night Tapas” hit pay dirt.

As the chapter netted $239.90 from the event (after deducting expenses from monies collected), I learned first-hand that a chapter program requires teamwork. Thanks to the following members for their efforts:

Gail Stahl, Program Committee Chair and President-Elect electronically invited members and maintained our guest list.

Charles Shellabarger, Chapter President noted the event in his “Ramblings” column of the chapter’s newsletter.

The Communications Committee, headed by 2003 Outstanding Member Deanna Hall, published the Peach State Update.

Rod Bustos, Chapter Webmaster posted the PSU on our Internet site.

Brian McGreevy, Sponsor Chair, secured funding from serials vendor, Swets Blackwell.

Joanne Tobin, Past President and Photo Editor captured digital images of members at Loca Luna.

Lastly, I would like to thank the members and guests who networked with each other to create a fun and informative meeting.

I hope that “Tuesday Night Tapas” sets an effective benchmark for future meetings: nominal event charges but maximum value.

After all, isn’t this every investor’s dream … to derive the biggest bang for lowest buck?

As members attend chapter functions in the year ahead, I hope that you’ll keep this in mind and be encouraged to plan and host a program yourself!
**Call for Nominations: SLA Diversity Leadership Development Award**

The Diversity Leadership Development Program (DLDP) Committee invites nominations for the Diversity Leadership Development Award by December 5, 2003.

Two of the committee’s goals are:
1. to help accelerate the advancement and visibility of members who represent a diverse population of the Association by mentoring them for more leadership opportunities within SLA
2. to ensure that the Association remains vital, relevant, and representative of its diverse membership.

This award provides $1000 to attend the SLA Annual Conference in Nashville, complimentary conference registration, and an assigned SLA mentor to help candidates understand the roles and mechanics of SLA leadership. Eligibility requirements include:
1. Applicant must have been a member of SLA for at least 2 years.
2. Applicant must be a member of a population group that is under-represented in SLA.
3. Applicant must have between 3-10 years of professional library information experience.
4. Applicant cannot be a current SLA DLDP Committee member.

For more information, please see: [http://www.sla.org/content/memberservice/communication/pr/awdindex/sla/dldpnmform.cfm](http://www.sla.org/content/memberservice/communication/pr/awdindex/sla/dldpnmform.cfm)

Past winners include Rosalyn Lett (1996) and Sandra A. Marshall (2001), former members of the Georgia Chapter of SLA.

**Nominations Sought For GOLD/GALILEO Advisory Committee And Serials Committee**

*Pat Herndon*

The GOLD/GALILEO Advisory Committee and the Serials Committee both need new members.

These committees work in coordination with the Board of Regents, Georgia Public Library Service to present the annual users group meeting and to promote and encourage resource sharing through the GOLD database.

Each committee requires two members from special libraries that participate in GOLD.

For more detailed information about committee responsibilities and to print a nomination form, please visit the GPLS website at [http://www.georgialibraries.org/lib/gold.html](http://www.georgialibraries.org/lib/gold.html).

The website has information about the committee’s responsibilities. The nomination form has information regarding where to return the form.

It is important that the viewpoint of special libraries be well represented on these committees. It is very easy for our voice to get lost amid the camaraderie shared by academic librarians and public librarians.

Please nominate yourself or another competent representative from the special libraries GOLD membership.

If you have any questions you may contact Pat Herndon, librarian at Gwinnett Health System at PHerndon@ghsnet.org or at (678)442-3665.
SLA Membership Campaign: Prizes Galore!

SLA is asking you to spread the word and recruit others to join the community of professionals all dedicated to putting knowledge to work!

Participate in the 2003 SLA Membership Campaign - “SLA Keyword…Recruit” and for each new member you refer who submits a completed SLA application no later than December 31, 2003 you will be eligible to win the Grand Prize! (an iPAQ Pocket PC - Model h2210).

Also, there are four Chapter and Division prizes!

Four Paid Full Registrations for the SLA 2004 Annual Conference “Putting Knowledge to Work” June 5-10, 2004, at Opryland, Nashville, Tenn., will be awarded to Chapters and to Divisions with the most new members and the largest percentage increase in members!

One Full Conference Registration Prize will be awarded to the Chapter and one to the Division with the largest total number of new recruits during the campaign period from September through December 31, 2003.

One Full Conference Registration Prize will be awarded to the Chapter and one to the Chapter/Division that increase the total Chapter/Division membership by the largest percentage during the period.

(The percentage increase will be based on the number of members listed in the Chapter or Division as of September 1, 2003 and the total number of members listed in the Chapter as of December 31, 2003.)

The four Chapter and Division prizes will be awarded after all new membership applications are received December 31, 2003, and announced no later than January 31, 2004.

Please go to www.sla.org/KeywordRecruit for details!

Course: Introduction To Molecular Biology Information Resources

The National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) of the National Library of Medicine announces a 3-day course on Introduction to Molecular Biology Information Resources (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Class/MLACourse/) which will be offered in various regions of the United States during the 2003-2004 academic year. It will also continue to be offered on-site at NLM one to two times per year.

The course is approved for 20 MLA CE credit hours. There is no cost for registration, although participants must cover their own travel, hotel, and meals.

The upcoming courses page (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Class/MLACourse/upcoming_courses.html) of the course web site shows the details for each course, including exact address and instructors. That page also links to a registration form (http://nnlm.gov/mar/online/request.html) at NLM’s National Training Center and Clearinghouse. Registration is currently available for the 2003 courses, and will soon be available for the 2004 dates.

Please note that each regional course must have a minimum of 12 registrants one month prior to the course date in order to be held. This is due to the cost of providing the course and the time needed by the instructors to make travel arrangements.

There will be four regional offerings of the course during the 2003-2004 academic year:

November 17-19, 2003 - Los Angeles, CA

December 10-12, 2003 - Chicago, IL

March 24-26, 2004 - Gainesville, FL

June 14-16, 2004 - Seattle, WA

Regional courses may also be considered for the 2004-2005 academic year, depending on demand.
New Year Off To Crazy Start! Tuesday Tapas at Loca Luna

Ernie Evangelista

The Georgia Chapter’s first meeting of the 2003-2004 year coincided with the autumnal solstice on Tuesday, September 23.

Our networking event, “Tuesday Night Tapas,” held at Loca Luna Restaurant at 836 Juniper Street in Midtown Atlanta, attracted a diverse crowd of corporate and academic librarians, vendors and guests. Cora Sevilla of Dialog Corporation brought with her two visiting trainers from Washington DC and Miami. Three couples mingled among our crowd of thirty-six: Sara June McDavid (Boston Consulting Group) and Michael McDavid (ITT Technical Institute); Karalyn Kavanaugh (EBSCO) and Dick Albin; and Annie Tilden (archivist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta) and Wayne Mills. And Susan Bennett (CNN), Ward Silver and Sansanee Graves, who recently relocated to Atlanta from New York, were some of the “new faces” in the group.

And what an ideal setting for the chapter’s first event: a night breeze blowing through the ceiling fans at Loca Luna’s patio as samba music played in the background. Photographers Joanne Tobin (Georgia Tech) and Ernie Evangelista (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta) captured the crowd mixing and sharing conference experiences, summer activities and plans for the future. Program host Ernie Evangelista welcomed guests and introduced President-Elect and Program Committee chair, Gail Stahl (Boston Consulting Group), who in turn, thanked Brent Baird of Swets Blackwell for its sponsorship of our event. Karalyn Kavanaugh, Georgia chapter representative, announced that SLA’s South Atlantic Regional Conference (SARC-III) is scheduled in two years in Williamsburg, Virginia. She sought chapter member involvement in what promises to be an informative meeting. And then, it was on to the tapas:

Ensalada: Mixed greens, hearts of palm and tomato
Empanada: Veggie stuffed pastry with salsa
Tomate e Mozzarella: Fresh tomatoes and homemade mozzarella
Atun con cuscus: Peppered, seared tuna over cuscus with red onion confit
Costeleta grelhada: Grilled ribs with sherry reduction
Polla al Mediterraneo: Grilled chicken breast with tomatoes, olives and feta
Camarão: Shrimp sautéed with jalapenos and cream-Bife con chimichurri: Grilled flank steak with chimichurri salsa

Georgia chapter members and guests enjoyed the camaraderie, food and drink at “Tuesday Night Tapas.” A post-event survey, answered by one-third of the attendees, revealed that the following factors most encouraged attendance: location, food and drink, time and parking. Secondary factors were topic, date/day and cost. In the Program Committee’s effort to effectively plan chapter events for the rest of the year, it would be helpful for us to know WHY members decline to attend functions such as “Tuesday Night Tapas.”