From the Editors:

Please note that THIS IS IT!

Yes, this is the final print-only copy of the Peach State Update.

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President’s Letter

Joanne Tobin, Georgia Chapter President

Los Angeles, site of our SLA Annual Conference, provided an excellent venue for networking with friends, both old and new. The many and varied programs provided us with valuable information and insights. A program of particular interest to me was one that reported on two case studies regarding the impact of E-journals on users and libraries. Our Keynote Speaker, management guru, Peter Drucker, shared his years of wisdom and knowledge in a very interesting, witty manner. This ninety-something self-confessed workaholic’s comments regarding today’s world revealed a mind that has never slowed down and a body that is still traveling around the world. Leaving the room to a standing ovation, Mr. Drucker left the audience buzzing with “Druckerisms” for the duration of the conference and beyond.

Closing speaker, Doris Kearns Goodwin, presidential biographer, Nobel Prize winner, and great storyteller, entertained us with stories of FDR and Lyndon Johnson, making history come alive. We also enjoyed stories of her childhood and of her beloved Brooklyn Dodgers, the subject of one of her books, “Wait Until Next Year.” As always, I returned from the Conference with renewed energy, hoping to put the knowledge gained to good use on the job. I also experienced a pride in my profession, realizing that I was included in this elite group of over 4,000 bright, charming librarians. I also returned determined to dedicate this year to improving our chapter.

Changes are a part of our annual Chapter experience. This year it is my pleasure to serve as your Chapter President. I would like to thank to Marilyn Pahr, our immediate Past President, Irene McMoreland our outgoing Director, and all the Committee chairs for the fine work they did on behalf of our Chapter this past year. Returning Board Members include our Secretary, Mary-Frances Panettiere and Ruth Sill, Director. Terry Bennett will once again be our Treasurer. Roger Magnus will begin his two-year term as Director. We are very fortunate to have Charles Shellabarger as our President Elect. His experience and dedication to SLA on the Chapter and International level will infuse our Georgia Chapter with new vitality. I look forward to working with this great team on projects that aim to improve our professional and personal development.

Our Peach State Update will begin publishing only in electronic format after this issue. I hope you have all had a chance to look at our on-line edition and see what a great job Robbie King has done to make this a reality. We will of course archive both a print and an electronic version, as well as provide a print version to anyone upon request to the Managing Editor. We’d like to catch all of you clicking on the Peach State Update as soon as it becomes available. The fastest mouse clicker will receive a reward. The first person to email me at jotobin@library.gatech.edu with the message “I just read the latest issue of Peach State Update” will receive a free ticket to our Georgia Chapter Holiday party.

October 31st marks the fiftieth anniversary of the first meeting of
President’s Letter: Thoughts on Year

Marilyn Pahr, Georgia Chapter Past President

[Editor’s Note: Since we did not publish volume 2002, issue 4, Marilyn did not have an opportunity to publish this letter during her term. Therefore, we are publishing her last letter in this issue.]

Has it already been a year? So much has happened since last June when I wrote my first President’s Letter. I looked forward to a “special year” celebrating our chapter’s upcoming 50th Anniversary. Our first meeting, the September Tea came on the heels of September 11th and the tumultuous economy since then has impacted our country and our profession. Many of our members have changed jobs in the past year, making networking more important than ever.

Some highlights of the past year include: September - Tea with Past-Presidents and Our New Members; October - Gary Price of Price’s List of Lists; December - our annual Holiday Party at Callanwolde; February - the 50th Anniversary kick-off party at Home Depot; March - Mr. Mulling of the Mulling Factor; May - our Annual Business Meeting with special guest Hope Tilman, President of SLA.

In June, a number of Georgia Chapter members attended the Annual SLA Conference in Los Angeles. While the numbers were down, the enthusiasm was high and the smaller crowds made the setting more intimate.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make this year a special one for me and for the chapter. We look forward to our “official” 50th Anniversary Celebration this fall. Please give your support to Chapter President Joanne Tobin and let’s work together to strengthen our Chapter.

SLA President Hope Tillman Visits Georgia Chapter

Marilyn Pahr

In addition to being our guest for our Annual Luncheon Business Meeting on Monday (see the report on the Annual Luncheon Business Meeting in the Chapter News section), Hope and I spent the day visiting five special libraries in the Atlanta area on Tuesday. We started our day at Solvay Pharmaceuticals in Marietta where Ellen Cooper gave us a tour and showed us their extensive intranet connecting pharmaceutical information to the clinicians and marketing and sales forces within the Solvay network.

Next we headed to UPS’s corporate headquarters in Sandy Springs, set in a beautiful wooded setting just minutes from GA 400. Librarian Sandra Marshall explained that although the company still has a separate library facility, she now works within the Competitive Intelligence sector of the company and is physically removed from the library. The UPS site has many artifacts on view, including the original “motor truck” and art pieces representing countries around the world where UPS does business.

We enjoyed an Asian-themed lunch at the Home Depot employee cafeteria with Betty McKibbon. It was “Orange Apron Day” at Home Depot, earnings reports came out that morning, when everyone wears their HD Orange Apron - from the guy at the security gate to businessmen and women in suits. There was even one on display in the Information Center, which Betty designed to be bright, open and conducive to group work with comfy chairs and workstations arranged in small groups. The library even has its own patio! Red was the pervasive color at Coca-Cola as Heather Turnbull showed us distinct library centers within Coke’s headquarters. We started our visit in the reception lobby with a glass of - orange juice! (Coke owns Minute Maid.) Asian artifacts were on display as part of a rotating cultural exhibit. An extra special treat was a frozen coke drink.

We concluded our day with a visit to CNN Center where Sally Griffin gave us a behind- the-scenes tour of the massive videotape library. As the number of tapes keeps growing and seeping into the reference area, plans are being made to consolidate the library into new space.

It was an informative day and really expressed the diversity of libraries in the Atlanta area. Thank-you to our hosts.

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down in recent years. During this next year, I would like to focus on increasing our membership and increasing our member participation. In order for our Chapter to continue providing outstanding professional growth opportunities for our members, we need to rekindle a strong spirit of volunteerism. We all have increased professional and personal demands placed on our time, but if each member does something to help the Chapter this year I believe we will have a very successful year. You will find you have enjoyed networking with your colleagues, and maybe even formed a few lasting friendships. Please call or e-mail me to get involved in rewarding opportunities.

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Past President Marilyn Pahr, SLA President Hope Tillman, and Miriam Drake at the Annual Business Meeting earlier this year.

News From Chapter Members

As of 28 May, Nancy Bryant is working at the Centers for Disease Control (thru contractor Analytical Sciences Inc.) as Web Content Specialist for the National Center for HIV, STD’s and TB Prevention/Informatics Office.

Brian McGreevy, researcher at Spencer Stuart Associates, was elected to the executive board of SLA’s Business & Finance division during the SLA Annual Conference to serve as secretary for a two-year term.

As of 1 November, Ruth Sill will move from her current role as Senior Research Associate at Egon Zehnder International to the role of Intranet and E-Room Content Manager for the firm.

Clara Williams, Information Consultant at the Institute of Paper Science and Technology, was awarded the “Employee of the Quarter” award for distinguished performance for April - June 2002, within the exempt staff track. Recipients must be nominated by their peers and a peer-review elected council votes. The award ceremony is featured at the quarterly “Celebration of Success”, hosted by IPST’s President, Dr. Jim Ferris. Recipients receive a check for $250, reserved parking space for 3 months, and a lovely wooden plaque with all the particulars, including your name engraved on a brass plate!

Clara Williams, Information Consultant at the Institute of Paper Science and Technology, and Robbie King, former Director of Information and Research at New-Fields, have co-authored an article entitled “Environmental Science Databases,” to appear in the new edition of the Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science (ELIS), published by Marcel Dekker and edited by Miriam Drake, Professor Emerita, Georgia Institute of Technology. The publication is expected to be released in late 2002.

DID YOU SEE...?

Kronholz, June: Bibliography Mess: The Internet Wreaks Havoc With the Form. Wall Street Journal, May 2, 2002, pp. A1, A6. “What you used to think of as difficult and boring is now really difficult and boring,” says Peggy Morrison, a librarian and bibliographer at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock.
Georgia Chapter Well-Represented
SLA’s 93rd Annual Conference Held In Los Angeles

*Marilyn Pahr*

The following Georgia Chapter members were in attendance at the SLA annual conference this summer:

- Terrence Bennett
- Regina Cannon
- Miriam Drake
- Allison Evatt
- Barbara Frolik
- Sally Griffin
- Karalyn Kavanaugh
- Michael McDavid
- Brian McGrevey
- Mary Frances Panettiere
- Marilyn Pahr
- Charles Shellaburger
- Gail Stahl
- Joanne Tobin
- Heather Turnbull
- Terry Vogel
- Barbara Walker

*Keynote Speaker Peter Drucker*

Drucker, known as the Father of Modern Management, kept the audience spellbound listening to his words of wisdom. Comfortably ensconced in an overstuffed chair, the 90+ year-old management guru spoke for over an hour, barely referring to his notes.

He spoke about the importance of information in the business world and the critical role information professionals play in this process.

*[Editor’s Note: See also Hlava, Marjorie M.K.: The Information Essentials of Drucker. *Information Outlook* 6(8) 40-41 (Aug. 2002)]*

*Closing Session Speaker Doris Kearns Goodwin*

Ms. Goodwin once again shared her love of history and baseball while recounting the importance of both in her childhood. She spoke eloquently about the importance of family and the impact of 9/11. Her son recently joined the military. Her closing remarks reminded us of the importance of how we take care of today’s children – our next generation.

*Mimi’s Award*

Our own Miriam Drake received a “Dana”, SLA’s new award statuette honoring her with the John Cotton Dana Award which was presented at the Awards Premiere at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel.

*Karalyn’s Dinner*

Once again, Karalyn Kavanaugh of EBSCO, hosted a dinner for Georgia Chapter attendees. We noshed on wonderful appetizers and a bountiful dinner in a renovated bank building.

Check the link below for Business & Finance programs: [http://www.slabf.org/losang02.htm](http://www.slabf.org/losang02.htm). Mark your calendars for next year’s 94th Annual Conference being held in New York City from June 7-12, 2003!

*Don’t forget to check out the updated Roster of Officers on the Chapter’s web site:*

[http://www.sla.org/chapter/cga/officers.htm](http://www.sla.org/chapter/cga/officers.htm)
The Georgia Chapter’s Annual Business Luncheon Meeting was held at the Emory Conference Center on Monday, May 20, 2002.

We were honored to have SLA President Hope Tillman visit our chapter for this event. Before the meeting began, Hope met informally with the board, listening to our concerns and offering ideas. Her topic for the meeting covered the changes SLA is going through with the recent departure of Executive Director Roberta Shaffer and the bylaws revision.

The membership confirmed our all-male slate of offices: President-Elect: Charles Shellabarger; Treasurer: Terrence Bennett; Director: Roger Magnus. Thank you to our corporate sponsors for this event: Chemical Abstracts and Lexis-Nexis.

The Communications Committee has undergone three transitions in membership since our Annual Meeting in May. First, Robbie King, who has served as Chair and Managing Editor of Peach State Update since November 2000, has resigned, in order to take better advantage of her retirement from Newfields last December.

Second, Deanna Hall, who has served as Production Editor of Peach State Update since April 1997, has resigned in order to become the new Chair and Managing Editor. In her former role as Production Editor, she wishes to acknowledge Robbie’s good humor and support, both of which exceeded the call of duty.

Third, Russ Singletary is the new Production Editor of Peach State Update. An SLA member since 1998, Russ has a master’s degree in library and information science from the University of South Carolina, and a bachelor of arts degree in history and French from Wofford College, Spartanburg, S.C. Russ is employed by Cadence Group Inc. and is assigned as an analyst to the Corporate Strategy & Planning Unit of BellSouth Corporation. A former journalist, he has done newsletter work in corporate communications for Santee Cooper, South Carolina’s state-owned electric and water utility.

At the direction of Chapter Board, this issue of Peach State Update is the last which will be published in hard-copy. The reason for this change is that the Board believes that the cost of printing and mailing should be reallocated to support other activities of the Chapter. Therefore, future issues will be distributed as electronic copies to the Chapter email distribution list.

On behalf of the Communications Committee, I want to invite your input on all aspects of communications.
Brown Bag Tours Experience Another Great Year

Clara Williams and Connie Ruffner

We wish to thank the four hosting libraries for their participation in this year’s brown bag tours. These sessions require a great deal of planning on the part of the hosting managers and directors. Chapter members who attended tours appreciate the sharing! An “applause” goes out to the following:

Boston Consulting Group - Gail Stahl
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta - Barbara Frolik
Foundation Center - Joanne Kepics
United Parcel Service - Sandra Marshall

Additionally, we wish to share the results of a survey distributed to all who attended tours. Your feedback is important as we move into another year of programs.

See majority results below and comments from participants, to be used by future hosts: 1. For presentation overview, I prefer: DOES NOT MATTER (either general overview OR detail coverage) 2. Lunch should be scheduled BEFORE tours. 3. The timeframe for actual tours should last: ONE HOUR 4. I would appreciate a follow-up from the host library: NO

Some Comments From Participants:

“These are excellent vehicles to network, learn, and have some fun. I wish there was some way that more people could participate in each tour but understand why limits need to be set.”

“I love this chance to see other people’s places of work, how they are organized, what services they offer, the resources--these are the best meetings!”

“I like it when participants can ask questions. I also like to see examples of work output.”

“I love the brown bag tours. Please continue them.”

Coordinators’ comments:

Not everybody who attended a brown bag completed an evaluation form. … Some persons did not answer all of the questions (for whatever reasons).

Walker Named SLA GA’s Outstanding Member

On May 20, 2002, during the SLA GA Chapter’s Annual Luncheon, Barbara Walker was named the Chapter’s Outstanding Member of the Year. Barbara is a Government Information librarian at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

She has been a member of SLA and the Georgia Chapter for 23 years, since 1979. During that time, she has been active at both the national and local levels. Nationally, she is a member of the Engineering and Geography & Maps divisions. She has served on the Diverse Issues Caucus and the Affirmative Action Committee, as well as the Government Relations Committee (which she has chaired) and Copyright Committee, which have merged into the current Public Policy Committee.

Locally, Barbara has served the Chapter as Chair of Government Relations since 1995. In this role she provides timely updates to the Chapter on copyright law and proposed changes for distribution of government information. Barbara also supports the educational growth of future librarians by providing special sessions to Clark Atlanta University, School of Library and Information Science students on the use of federal information. For all her work in these specific roles and her dedication to the Georgia Chapter, Barbara Walker is our Outstanding Member of the Year. Congratulations, Barbara!
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