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## **2016 Holiday Party & Business Meeting**

Posted on December 20, 2016.

Much enjoyment was had by all at the 2016 Holiday Party & Business Meeting. Past-president Helen Josephine was surprised by a cupcake on her birthday. Long time member and sponsor George Plosker announced his retirement.

Sponsors were 451 Research, IDC, IEEE, Forrester, Questel/Orbit, Soutron Global, and Springer Nature.

### **Awards**

The winner of the **Vendor Award** for 2016 was **Soutron Global**. President & CEO Tony Saadat always is eager to provide financial support for our events. They go above and beyond, too, advertising Chapter happenings they sponsor to their client base and offering complimentary tickets to email respondents.

The **Mark H. Baer Award** was established in 1990 to recognize a San Andreas Chapter member who has contributed to the Chapter or to the profession either during the current year or throughout their career. The winner this year is **Mary-Ellen Petrich**. She has made many long-term contributions to the chapter, and has served as the webmaster for the chapter for the past five years. She is a responsive team player that reliably maintains the website and the organization of digital assets and gets new board members on board each year. This year she was an essential collaborator the the redesign of the website navigation and kept us on track with the transition to SLA Connect.

The **President's Award** was established in 2006 for the Chapter President to recognize a member for service. This year the award goes to **Rory Dougan** who came on board as sponsorship chair mid way through the year. He's taken on the role with full gusto and is incredibly committed to representing our chapter in the best possible light.

### **Leadership Changes**

2017 will bring changes. Outgoing chapter officers are Past-President Cory Laurence, Programming & Tours Chair Chrystell Browman, and Communications Committee chair Cybil Schroder. Many thanks for their wonderful contributions over the past year.

Continuity is a strength of our organization. In 2017 some officers will be shifting to new rolls or will be continuing. President-elect Bridget Thrasher will become President. President Elisa Ewing will become Past-President. Continuing officers are Secretary & Treasurer Valerie Sweeley, Website/Blog Lead Mary-Ellen Petrich, Vendor Relations Chair Rory Dougan, and Hospitality Chair Helen Josephine.

Incoming officers confirmed at the business meeting are President-Elect Stefanie Vartabedian, Communications Committee Chair Carlos Medina, and Programming & Tours Chair Sara Brylowski. Congratulations!



Great food at *Silicon Valley's Annual Holiday Party, Tuesday December 13th at [Union82](#), in Mountain View.*



Awards given by chapter officers Cory Laurence and Bridget Thrasher.



Three past presidents: Phil Gust, Kathe Gust, and Cory Laurence.



Carol Donahue, Bernadette St. John, and Libby Trudell.



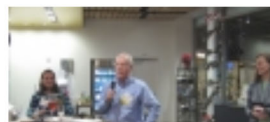
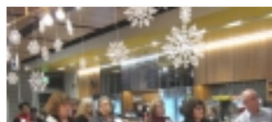
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Three winners of the Mark H. Baer Award: Phil Gust, Mary-Ellen Petrich, and Kathe Gust.

## 2016 Annual Holiday Party

Photos from the 13 December 2016 SLA Silicon Valley Annual Holiday Party. Photos courtesy of George Plosker.







These photos courtesy of George Plosker.

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## **2016 Holiday Party — Vendor Award for Soutron Global**

Posted on December 20, 2016.

This year the chapter gave the vendor award to Tony Saadat, to President and CEO of [Soutron Global](#). The support and interest that Tony and [Soutron Global](#) have shown to our chapter has been invaluable. They have always been eager to provide financial support for our events, and even more, they have advertised chapter happenings to their client base and offering complimentary tickets to email respondents.



Tony Saadat with the Chapter's Past-President Cory Laurence and President-Elect Bridget Thrasher.



Vendor Award for [Soutron Global](#)

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## **SLA SV's Annual Holiday Party Announcement and Registration**

Posted on November 6, 2016.



Happy Holidays!

Join us for Silicon Valley's Annual Holiday Party, Tuesday December 13th at [Union82](#), in Mountain View.

Venue is on Symantec's campus, and is a few steps away from the Middlefield VTA Stop. There is also ample parking near the restaurant.

Fun begins at 5:30pm and goes until 8pm. Announcements and awards will be announced around 6:30.

Registration is required. Rates are as follows:

\$15 for SLA Members

\$28 for non-members

\$10 for student or retired members

Tickets include drinks, food and revelry.

Please click [HERE](#) to begin the registration process. Please note you'll be taken to a payment page upon completion.

Thanks to our sponsors [Springer](#), [Soutron Global](#), and [Orbit](#) for their generous contributions for this year's Holiday Party.

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## **The 2016 SLA-Silicon Valley Chapter Call for Nominees for Chapter Awards**

Posted on November 6, 2016.



**Nominations Deadline: November 20, 2016 (Sunday)**

**The SLA Silicon Valley Chapter Awards Committee would like to hear from you!** This is our annual opportunity to recognize and acknowledge our members who have made notable and enduring contributions to the chapter and the profession.

- Nominations may be submitted by any Silicon Valley Chapter member.
- Nominees need to be Silicon Valley Chapter members.
- Self-nominations are encouraged!
- Nominations do not carry over from one year to the next.

We will consider nominations to all awards, but are especially focused on the Mark H. Baer Award (for contributions to the

Chapter or the profession) and the Lucy Steelman Award (for mentoring Chapter colleagues). More information about the awards is on the Chapter web site at: <http://siliconvalley.sla1.org/awards>.

To submit a nominee, please use one of the following forms: DOC, or PDF, and email the finished form by November 20, 2016 (Sunday) to [past.president@siliconvalley.sla.org](mailto:past.president@siliconvalley.sla.org). We will recognize winners at our annual holiday party in December.

Thanks for considering.

Regards,

Cory Laurence

SLA-SV Chapter

Past-President

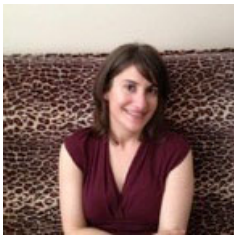
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## **SLA Annual Travel Grant Winner's Conference Recap**

Posted on July 20, 2016.



Stefanie Vartabedian, SLA Silicon Valley 2016 Travel Grant Winner, shares with us a summary of some of her experiences at SLA Annual in Philadelphia.

“I had a wonderful time attending the SLA conference in Philadelphia, which was my first major library conference.

I attended a number of unique sessions with inspirational speakers on topics such as how to become “an indispensable librarian”. Also, I partook in a plethora of social and networking opportunities with esteemed professionals. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting new faces who work in the San Francisco Bay Area to those working in foreign countries—from an information professional working at the Bank of Montreal, to an information vendor based in England, to a science librarian working at Abbott Labs, a healthcare company, that is just 2 minutes from where I’m interning this summer in Santa Clara!

One cultural highlight of the conference was when I snuck away momentarily to the Reading Central Market to grab a bite to eat. In the back of the Market, I discovered a fascinating author talk underway sponsored by the SLA Museum, Arts, and Humanities Division.

Frances Biddle, the author speaking, warmly welcomed me into her talk about the Victorian Era in Philadelphia. One of the highlights of her talk was her discussion of what it was like to be a young woman in the Victorian Era including the many antiquated female fashion requirements of the Victorian era. She even pulled out a colorful corset so we could see for ourselves an artifact of Victorian fashion.

The corset was so beautiful!! I had to volunteer for a corset fitting. Luckily, the corset was just about the right size for me and Ms. Biddle was careful not to pull the strings too tight!!





Stefanie Vartabedian being fitted for a corset by the author Frances Biddle.

The Silicon Valley Chapter's Travel Grant gave me the opportunity to attend informative sessions, make connections with other professionals, and have a great time too. Many thanks to the Silicon Valley Chapter for allowing me this opportunity to attend SLA Annual in Philadelphia and share some of my experiences. “

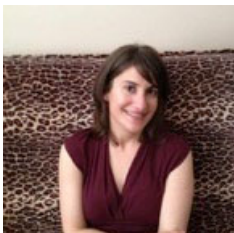
Thank you Stefanie for your summary of the conference and we are especially happy to hear about an event sponsored by a division of SLA that we rarely hear about in our chapter.

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## Travel Award Winner Announced

Posted on April 22, 2016.

The travel award will be given to **Stefanie Vartabedian** for the SLA Annual Conference in June.



Stefanie Vartabedian

Every year the Silicon Valley Chapter awards a [travel grant](#) of \$1000 to either a student member or a regular member requiring financial assistance to attend SLA's annual conference.

For this year's winner, the Chapter Board had a tough choice to make among applicants. Chapter President Elisa Ewing stated, “We were delighted to receive applications from excellent candidates, who remained very passionate about special librarianship and boasted strong accomplishments. As a deciding factor, the Board prioritized prior involvement with the SLA Silicon Valley Chapter—since member dues fund the grant. SJSU iSchool student and active chapter member Stefanie Vartabedian surfaced as the winner.”

Stefanie Vartabedian mentioned her interests in the annual conference, “I am particularly interested in how to navigate a complex and multifaceted job market and promote my transferable skills developed in a non-traditional library setting. I see this as an ongoing learning experience, but there's no doubt that the conference this summer will help me jump-start professional development specifically the goal of finding a challenging and rewarding career. The diversity of professionals and programming represented at this major event, while overwhelming at first, will serve to encourage me in my pursuit of professionally applying a unique and valuable skill-set. I look forward to inspirational thought leaders who will engage all of us at various places in our careers to think outside of the box and challenge the status quo.”



“I’m ready to roll up my sleeves and make stuff happen!” Stefanie concludes in her application. And she definitely is—she wrote a short statement about winning this year’s travel award:

“I’m extremely honored to receive the SLA Silicon Valley travel grant for the conference in Philadelphia this June. I have at least 2 semesters to go until graduation, so this conference will be a wonderful opportunity to glean deep insights from industry leaders and network with a wide variety of information professionals from near and far. I’m very grateful with the assistance of our chapter’s grant to have the chance to travel to Philadelphia and hope to make the most of my time there – both representing SLA Silicon Valley as a student member and learning more about SLA. I find the variety of backgrounds we all come from very inspiring and look forward to spending time in the great company of those who dare to pursue all forms of librarianship off the beaten path!”

Congratulations Stefanie, the chapter wishes you a great first SLA Annual Conference experience.

Thank you to the members of the SLA Silicon Valley Board who worked hard on promoting and choosing this year’s travel award winner. Also, thank you to all of our other applicants for applying this year and we encourage you to reapply next year.

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## **SLA Silicon Valley Chapter announces Travel Grant**

Posted on February 18, 2016.

**The Silicon Valley Chapter is excited to announce a \$1000 travel grant for the [SLA Annual Conference](#), taking place June 12-14 2016, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.**

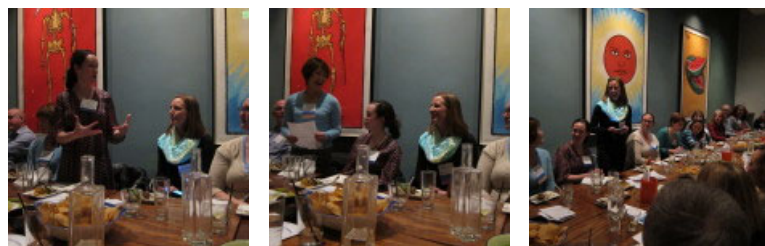
This travel grant may be awarded to a student chapter member or a chapter member needing financial assistance to attend the SLA Annual Conference. The grant—given to an applicant who demonstrates interest in and involvement with the SLA Silicon Valley chapter—will help stipend conference attendance. For more information: <http://siliconvalley.sla1.org/scholarshipsgrants>

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## **2015 Silicon Valley SLA Holiday Party**

Posted on December 9, 2015.

**SLA Silicon Valley members** met for our **annual Holiday Party** at Tacolicious, in the heart of downtown Palo Alto, where we enjoyed eating carnitas, chicken, beef, and veggie seasonal tacos with pitchers of margaritas. The room was just the right size to mingle with drinks, before sitting down for our annual meeting and award ceremony.



**Our president**, Cory Laurence thanked the chapter for her opportunity to serve this year. She summarized a few of the chapters events for the year, introduced our new board treasurer Kimberly Carle, thanked past president Mihoko Hosoi for her service, and welcomed Elisa Ewing, Silicon Valley’s president for 2016. Cory also made a special toast to the Chapter for our 35th year anniversary.

Elisa Ewing, **our president for 2016**, thanked Cory and the board for their service this year, and then mentioned her excitement in planning next year’s joint meeting with San Francisco.

Mihoko Hosoi, **our past president**, announced the annual awards with comments about each award recipient’s unique contribution to the chapter.

The **awards** given out this year:

**President's Award** – Valerie Sweeley

**Published Member Award** – Dr. Sandy Hirsh

**Lucy Steelman Award** – Coleen Hathaway-Rosa

**Mark H. Baer Award** – Cory Laurence



Members mentioned how the SV Holiday Party is the party they most look forward to in December and thanked the chapter for another wonderful year.

SLA-SV chapter wants to thank **our sponsor** IEEE and George Plosker—we could not have had this event without your support. All photos are also by George Plosker.

The board would also like to thank Chrystelle Browman, **programming chair**, for all of her hard work this year planning events for the chapter, including finding a great space for this year's Holiday Party.



We also want to thank everyone who came to visit with us. To those who could not make it, we hope to see you next year. **We wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!**

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## **Holiday Party**

Posted on November 5, 2015.

### **Mark your calendars!**

The Silicon Valley Chapter of SLA will host its annual Holiday Party at [Tacolicious](#) on Thursday, December 3rd, 7-9pm. Come enjoy great food with fantastic people. [Click here](#) to begin the registration process.

### **Agenda**

7:00-8:00 Networking & dinner

8:00-8:15 Business Meeting

8:15-8:30 Year in Review

8:30-8:45 Awards

8:45- More partying!

## Menu

All guests will be served a variety of appetizers, with tacos and dessert, so come hungry! Vegetarian options are available. Complimentary beverages, such as soda, wine, and beer, is included.

## Program Cost

- \$10 for Silicon Valley Chapter Members
- \$25 for non-members

## Location

Palo Alto – just a hop, skip and a jump away from the Palo Alto Caltrain Station. Click [HERE](#) for the map.

**Registration deadline is Tuesday December 1st.** If paying snail mail, please make sure we have your registration & check by that date.

**To begin the registration process, [please click here.](#)**

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## 2015 Holiday Party Payment Page

Posted on November 5, 2015.

### Payment for Silicon Valley Registration Page

**Registration deadline is Tuesday December 1st.**

If you have not registered via Survey Monkey, please do that **BEFORE** payment. Click [HERE](#) to begin the registration process.

If paying snail mail, please make sure we have your registration & check by December 1st.

### To pay by check:

Check payable to “**Silicon Valley Chapter, SLA**” and send your check to the following address:

Chrystelle Browman |c/o Fenwick & West LLP | 801 California Ave.| Mountain View, CA 94041

\*Even if you’ve paid by check, you still need to fill out the registration form.

### Pay using PayPal:

To pay using the PayPal service (program cost, plus processing fee), select your member status and then click the Pay Now button.

You can use a credit/debit card if you do not have a PayPal account, by scrolling down the PayPal payment page.

### To pay the \$10 member price + \$0.50 processing fee:

**Pay Now**



### To pay the \$25 non-member price + \$0.50 processing fee:

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## Update from Boston by SLA-SV’s Travel Grant Winner, Kimberly Carle

Posted on September 10, 2015.

This year, the Silicon Valley Chapter awarded a [travel grant](#) for the annual conference to one lucky member. This was a \$1000

stipend to cover travel and other costs associated with the conference. It was open to both students and members requiring financial assistance to attend.

The winner of our inaugural travel grant was Kimberly Carle, a student at San Jose State University's School of Information. She wrote a recap of her experience, encouraging other MLIS students to take advantage of the annual conference for its networking and learning opportunities.



Kimberly Carle (left) and another attendee at the annual SLA conference 2015.

“This past June, I had the incredible opportunity to attend the SLA conference in Boston thanks to a travel grant from the Silicon Valley chapter. I was most interested in attending in order to meet other people in the field and learn through one-on-one conversations the very unique and various ways LIS professionals apply their degrees. It has already been a rewarding and enriching experience being a part of the Silicon Valley SLA community, and I couldn't imagine a better way to build upon that than participating in a convergence of like-minded people.

The people I met in Boston were all eager to share about what they do and shed light on the details of LIS. The field is full of helpful people and that helpfulness doesn't stop when they get together with colleagues! Even a convention center staffer mentioned to me that the library conferences brought some of the friendliest and kindest people. It's honestly not surprising! I entered this field because I realized I love helping people find the information they are looking for. Any hint of confusion from someone sends out red flares of dire need. I'm pretty observant and find I often can provide a solution. Usually, whenever my husband can't find something of his, I remember seeing it recently and can direct him right to it.

As a student early on in the program, the vastness of the field has been somewhat of a puzzle and I'm fitting in pieces here and there of the larger picture. Attending session talks at the conference was a good way to check out different topics I'd heard about but didn't fully grasp. I left most sessions having a much better idea of certain LIS concepts that weren't as clear before.

I was able to plan in advance a number of different events using the conference app for my phone, and once I registered I received lots of emails with information about booths and products, invitations to receptions and announcements for session talks. I highly encourage attending the receptions because this is where you get to meet people and learn from them! I get really inspired learning about how someone is living their passion and helping others. While I kept track of events and sessions that appealed to me ahead of time, I still remained flexible. It's really important not to overwhelm yourself with a checklist of events to tick off. You'll end up meeting people who want to invite you to something else. And here's a little disclaimer. I am by no means an extrovert! I can be extremely reserved, but in the company of fellow librarians there is a lot less pressure, and more acceptance of one another all around.

I had a great experience and recommend it to other students trying to figure out what they'd like to do with their degree. Special Libraries include an enormous variety-corporate, law, federal, medical, museums, newspapers, academic, nonprofit, military, banks, and even the US Geological Survey has a library, though it is sadly shutting down. I met a man in Boston who works for the State Transportation Library. My sister-in-law's boyfriend worked at a music library in Kansas City. Many of these “special libraries” don't even call themselves libraries, like with The San Francisco Center for Sex and Culture. There are many choices out there and many opportunities to blend your library degree with other interests!”

Thank you for the update, Kimberly, and we're glad you enjoyed the conference!

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## **Travel Grant from SLA-Silicon Valley**

Posted on March 30, 2015.



The Silicon Valley Chapter is excited to announce a \$1000 travel grant for the [SLA Annual Conference](#), taking place June 14-16 2015, at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

This travel grant may be awarded to a student chapter member or a chapter member needing financial assistance to attend the SLA Annual Conference. The grant—given to an applicant who demonstrates interest in and involvement with the SLA Silicon Valley chapter—will help stipend conference attendance.

## **Award**

Awardee will be granted a stipend of up to \$1000 to cover costs associated with attending the SLA Annual Conference. Those costs include conference registration, airfare, and hotel. The Board will consider other expenses with written documentation. Awardee will be granted the stipend on award, but will be required to document relevant expenses with receipts, per the post-award requirements. The awardee will be required to return the stipend in the event they are unable to attend the conference or fulfill any of the post-award requirements.

## **Application**

1. Applicants must complete the form found [here](#). The form includes an essay of not more than 500 words describing the applicant's reasons for wanting to attend the SLA Annual Conference. The essay should also feature expectations for professional advancement related to conference attendance.
2. Applicants must email their résumé to [president@siliconvalley.sla1.org](mailto:president@siliconvalley.sla1.org).
3. Applications must be received by **April 24th, 2015** for review by the Scholarship/Grant Committee, which is chaired by the chapter's President. The committee will select an awardee no later than May 4th 2015.

## **Eligibility**

Applicants must be a member in good standing of the Silicon Valley chapter, be EITHER a current student OR a member who needs financial assistance to attend the conference. Applicants must be able to attend the conference in the year in which they are applying, be willing to complete the post-grant requirements detailed below, and must not have received the grant in a past year. Current chapter Board members are not eligible.

## **Post-Award Requirements**

1. Within 1 month of the close of the conference, awardee will submit receipts documenting their conference-related expenses.
2. Within 3 months of the close of the conference, awardee will write a brief article (approximately 1,000 words) on the conference experience for the chapter blog.
3. In the year following their award, the awardee will be asked to serve on the Scholarship/Grant Committee, and assist in selecting the following year's winner.

Please email Cory Laurence ([president@siliconvalley.sla1.org](mailto:president@siliconvalley.sla1.org)) with any questions.

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## **Holiday Party Announcement!**

Posted on November 7, 2014.

**Silicon Valley Chapter Holiday Party and Annual Awards Ceremony**  
**Thursday, December 4th from 7-9pm**  
**DishDish Restaurant**  
**190 S Murphy Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94086**

<http://www.dishdash.com/>

Please Register [HERE](#)

### Agenda

7:00-8:00 Networking & dinner  
8:00-8:15 Business Meeting  
8:15-8:30 Year in Review  
8:30-8:45 Awards  
8:45- More partying!

### Menu

All guests will be served a variety of Mediterranean delicacies, so come hungry! There will be appetizers, entrees, and dessert. Vegetarian options are available. Complimentary beverages, such as soda, wine, and beer, is included.

### Program Cost

- \$10 for Silicon Valley Chapter Members
- \$25 for non-members
- \$10 for students
- \$10 for retired or folks between jobs

### Location

Downtown Sunnyvale – just a hop, skip and a jump away from the Sunnyvale Caltrain Station. Click [HERE](#) for the map.

**Registration deadline is Monday, December 1st.** If paying snail mail, please make sure we have your registration & check by that date.

Please Click [HERE](#) to begin the registration process.

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## Payment for 2014 Holiday Party

Posted on November 7, 2014.

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## Cory Laurence Awarded SLA-SV Student Scholarship

Posted on June 1, 2014. Tags: [Student Scholarships](#)

Cory Laurence was awarded one of the two Scholarships sponsored by the **Silicon Valley Chapter** at [SJSU School of Library & Information Science](#). Congratulations Cory on this well deserved award!

We invited Cory to share her career goals and professional path. Cory writes...



I started the program at SJSU SLIS in January 2012 and expect to finish by May 2015. I began with little more than a feeling – which has grown stronger as I continue – that this was where I should be. I consider myself very lucky to have spent last 10 years raising my three young daughters, but this program has been exactly what I needed to help make the transition into a new career. Over the last few years, I have been working to obtain as much experience as I can in as many areas as possible. I have volunteered at both the San Jose Public Library and the SJSU library in different capacities, and I worked this semester as an information research intern at HP Labs in Palo Alto. This summer, I plan to complete an internship with the U.S.

Army. I am volunteering at and attending the SLA conference in Vancouver next month.

As I take more classes, I am beginning to narrow my focus. When I realized how diverse non-traditional library jobs were, my interest started to lean definitively towards special librarianship. After attending the SLA-SV holiday party in December, I joined the mentoring program at SLA-SV. I have really been enjoying getting to know my mentor, **Valerie Sweeley**, and other participants in the program. Meeting like-minded individuals in the SLA-SV group has been very helpful for me, particularly as a student in an all-online program. I set up a discussion group about the book *Lean In* at fellow SLA-SV member **Cindy Hill**'s house with the mentoring group, and I'm really looking forward to our discussion. I truly value the personal connections I make with professionals already working in the field. I hope that in the future I will be able to return the favor of mentorship to a library school student like myself.

Each experience I have had in library school and with SLA has taught me more about myself, connected me with individuals who have taught me about their particular area of the information professional world, and brought me closer to my goal: finding a meaningful career that both interests and challenges me. – *Cory*

There is one more scholarship sponsored by our chapter that will be awarded later this year. SJSU- SLIS Director **Sandra Hirsh** writes: *"Due to the small number of students who are members of the Silicon Valley Chapter of SLA, we were only able to award one scholarship. We will open the scholarship again in Fall and hopefully we'll be able to award the second scholarship to another deserving student."* SLA-SV student members, mark your calendars to apply in the Fall semester.

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## **Silicon Valley Chapter Announces Scholarships**

Posted on February 25, 2014. Tags: [Student Scholarships](#)

The Silicon Valley Chapter is pleased to announce that the chapter's two sponsored scholarships are now listed on the website at San Jose State School of Library and Information Sciences.

<https://slisweb.sjsu.edu/current-students/scholarships>

This is the first SJSU-SLIS scholarship specifically directed at students interested in a career in special libraries.

The chapter will be using the San Jose State's team and forms to process and award the scholarships. Using this process means that awardees will not pay taxes on their award.

They will be taking applications during March, and will make the award in April. The scholarships awarded in April are then applied to fall registration fees. All student chapter members are encouraged to apply!

The chapter is offering two scholarships at \$1000 each. Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- (1) Must be enrolled part time (at least) in the MLIS program.
- (2) Must be a SLA-SV chapter member.
- (3) Should live within the SLA-SV Service area (San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Monterey, or San Benito counties).
- (4) Must submit a short essay on his/her interest in special librarianship as a career and anticipated contribution to the SLA Silicon Valley Chapter.

If you have any questions about the chapter involvement with the program, please contact:

Kathleen Gust  
[treasurer@siliconvalley.sla.org](mailto:treasurer@siliconvalley.sla.org)

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## **Highlights of 2013 Chapter Holiday Party and Annual Business Meeting**

Posted on December 28, 2013.

Dear fellow SLA-SV members,

The 2013 SLA Silicon Valley Chapter holiday party and annual business meeting took place last Sunday at Nola's in Palo Alto. Those who attended the festivities enjoyed the Cajun-style fare at this fun venue. Many said they plan to come back for dinner.

The event was generously sponsored in part by **IEEE** and **Information Express**. Thanks to them and to all our generous sponsors who have helped make this year so successful. You'll find a complete list on the [chapter website](#).



*Clockwise : Hors d'oeuvres table with Cajun fare. Philip Gust, Sandy Hirsh, Sonya Dorfman at the party. General party view from 2nd floor balcony. General party view. Rachael Davis (center) and husband(left).*

## Officer Elections

Congratulations to the 2014 SLA Silicon Valley Chapter board:

President: Mihoko Hosoi

President-Elect: Mary-Lynn Bragg

Past President: Philip Gust

Secretary: Rachael Davis

Treasurer: Kathleen Gust

Director at large: Cindy Hill

Director at large: Patricia D'Cruz

Special thanks to the two new board members who were elected by acclamation. **Mary-Lynn Bragg** is a long-time SLA-SV member. She has fifteen years' experience in academic publishing, and is currently a Senior Manager Client Services at SIPX, Inc. She received the chapter's Mark H. Baer award in 2007. **Rachael Davis** is a brand new SLA and SLA-SV member who is studying for her MLIS at San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science while working full time as a Circulation and e-Resources Support Specialist in the Stanford University Library System.

Thanks also to board members **Mihoko Hosoi**, **Kathleen Gust**, **Cindy Hill**, and **Patricia D'Cruz** for their continued service to the chapter, and to **Linda Yamamoto** for serving as board secretary during the last two years. It has been a privilege to serve as chapter president this year, and I look forward to my new role as past-president.

Please join me in wishing your board success in 2014.



## Announcements

Following the meeting, I announced that the chapter will be awarding two \$1000 scholarships in 2014 to **San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science** (SLIS) students. Watch for more details in early 2014. SLIS Director and chapter member **Sandra Hirsh** thanked the chapter and talked about what this means to SLIS students.



Deb Hunt and David Grossman (Published Member Award – Book)

I also announced that chapter members **Deb Hunt** and **David Grossman** were presenting autographed copies of their book, **The Librarian's Skillbook: 51 Essential Career Skills for Information Professionals**, to all attendees complements of the chapter. This is a really wonderful professional development resource. Those who missed the party can still purchase print or Kindle versions of the book through Amazon. Highly recommended.

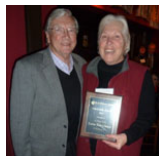
Finally, I announce several committee opportunities, including head of the Tour Committee, assistant chair of the Programming Committee, and additional members of the committees to assist the committee chairs. See the [committee page](#) for more information.

Treasurer Kathleen Gust accepted donations to the [ALA Philippines Library Relief Fund](#). The chapter will continue to collect donations on behalf of the fund that will be matched by the chapter until **December 31, 2013**. See the [announcement](#) for details and how to donate.

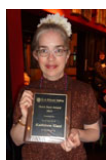
## Awards

The awards committee presented the chapter awards. Thanks to **Linda Yamamoto** (*chair*), **Margot Diltz**, and **Sonia Dorfman** for serving on the committee this year. See the [Awards page](#) for more information.

Here are the 2013 recipients:



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Claeys with  
her husband



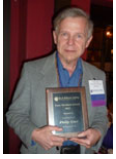
Kathleen  
Gust

### ***Mark H. Baer Award***

The Mark H. Baer Award was established in 1990 to recognize a chapter member who has contributed to the Chapter or to the profession, either during the current year or throughout their career.

- o Luisa Tosi Claeys
- o Kathleen Gust

### ***Lucy Steelman Award***



The Lucy Steelman Award was established in 2006 to recognize a chapter member who has mentored colleagues in any number of ways.

- o Philip Gust



Helen Josephine with  
SLA-SV President  
Philip Gust

### ***President's Award***

The President's Award was established in 2006 for the Chapter President to recognize a Chapter member for service during the course of the year.

- o Helen Josephine

### ***Other Chapter Awards***

- o Deb Hunt & David Grossman – Published Member Award (Book)
- o Philip Gust – Published Member Award (Paper)
- o TRAK Records and Library – New Vendor Partner Award
- o IEEE – Vendor Partner Award
- o Information Express – Vendor Partner Award



*From Left to Right Bruce Antleman, President of Information Express (Vendor Sponsor Award) with awards committee member Margot Diltz. Philip Gust (Published member award – Paper) with awards committee chair Linda Yamamoto.*

To all our members, sponsors, and friends, a safe and joyous 2013 holiday season and a very happy new year!

**–Philip Gust**

Photographs: Philip Gust, Kathleen Gust

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## **SLA Silicon Valley Chapter Accepts IT Technology Programming Award at SLA 2013**

Posted on June 17, 2013. Tags: [Awards](#)



SLA Silicon Valley Chapter President Philip Gust accepts the award from Division Chair-Elect Alex Grigg.

The SLA Silicon Valley Chapter accepted the “Outstanding Chapter Technology Programming” award at the IT Division business meeting during the SLA 2013 conference. This award recognizes the most inspired, cutting edge, and innovative chapter technology programming of the previous (2012-2013) programming year.

Chapter President Philip Gust and Treasurer Kathe Gust attended the meeting to accept the award on behalf of the Chapter. The Chapter will use the award to purchase an additional video camera, storage, and video editing software, and to create tutorials on how other units can create their own YouTube channels and videos.

Photo credit: *Kathe Gust*

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## **SLA-SV chosen for Outstanding Chapter Technology Programming award!**

Posted on April 9, 2013. Tags: [Silicon Valley Chapter](#)

Celebrate our latest achievement. In a recent announcement, *SLA-Silicon Valley Chapter* was selected as the recipient of

### **The Outstanding Technology Programming Award**

Presented by *SLA-IT Division*, this award recognizes the most inspired, cutting edge, and innovative chapter technology programming of the previous (2012-2013) programming year. The award consists of an electronic certificate for display on our web page as well as \$500 in seed money to technology programming.

The award will be presented to our chapter at the IT Business meeting at the annual conference in *San Diego*. The meeting is open to all and all chapter members attending the conference are encouraged to attend.

Visit our chapter’s [Events](#) page or read our [blog posts](#) for past and future chapter events.

**Go SLA-SV!**

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## **Academic Division Award Announced**

Posted on February 8, 2012.

The Academic Division of SLA is very proud to present for the second year an award for academic libraries, sponsored by Springshare, Inc., creator of LibGuides!

This annual award recognizes a new program or service that demonstrates an innovative approach to academic librarianship. Please feel free to distribute to all innovative academic libraries you may know.

### **Award**

A certificate and a \$500 US award, donated by Springshare, are presented during the Academic Library Division Business Meeting at the Special Libraries Association (SLA) Annual Conference. The winning library is also recognized through the Academic Division's various public relations outlets.

### **Criteria**

Projects nominated for the award should demonstrate recognized innovation, creativity and quality. Nominated programs or services can have been developed in any facet of the library's activities, including but not limited to:

- reference and research assistance;
- information literacy and library instruction;
- collection development;
- cataloging and/or technical services;
- space planning; or
- marketing and public relations

### **Eligibility**

Academic or research libraries in a higher education institution are eligible to receive the award. Recipients must have implemented their program or service in an academic or research library no more than two years prior to the nomination submission deadline. Nominated libraries do not have to have a SLA or an SLA-Academic Division member on staff.

### **Submissions**

Nominations must include a 500-1000 words description of the innovative program or service and must demonstrate usage and/or success of implementation using accepted assessment methods. Include any other supporting print or electronic documentation that would assist the committee in evaluating the purpose, content, impact, and innovative aspects of the program or service.

Send nominations to the Academic Division Awards Committee Chair, Catherine Lavallée-Welch, Director, University of South Florida Polytechnic Library, [clw@poly.usf.edu](mailto:clw@poly.usf.edu).

Note: Electronic submissions are required. **Submission Deadline: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

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## **Eli Edwards wins Diversity Leadership Development Program's Award**

Posted on May 27, 2011.





Former Silicon Valley Chapter member Eli Edwards has won the Diversity Leadership Development Program's Award for 2011. She served as program director for the San Andreas Chapter (2005-2006) and is member of the conference planning council for the 2011 Annual Conference. She will also be the 2012 chair of SLA's News Division starting in January. Read all about it in the [SLA Press Release](#).

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## Grace Baysinger is first recipient of the Wiggins-Roth Award

Posted on April 30, 2011.



Congratulations to **Grace Baysinger** — a Silicon Valley Chapter member — the first recipient of the Wiggins-Roth Award for Outstanding Service. The following is the the announcement from the SLA Chemistry Division.

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## SLA-SVC Raises \$450 for Haiti Libraries

Posted on March 30, 2011.



Our chapter president, Kathe Gust, sent the letter below to Michael Dowling of the ALA International Relations office with donations from the Silicon Valley chapter for rebuilding libraries in Haiti. If you didn't get a chance to donate but would like to, check out the [ALA page for Haiti Library Relief](#).

Dear Michael:

At our annual Recognition and Awards Celebration event in December, the Silicon Valley Chapter of the Special Libraries Association issued a challenge to attendees. The Board agreed to match up to \$150 in donations pledged at the event to the ALA Haiti Library Relief Fund, on the one-year anniversary of the devastating earthquake in Haiti.

Attendees not only met the challenge, but surpassed it twice over by contributing a total of \$300. Together with the Chapter's matching contribution I am pleased to send along a total of \$450 to help rebuild libraries that were destroyed by the quake. Donation forms from those who contributed are enclosed, along with personal checks and credit card information. The amount for those who contributed cash is included in the check from our Chapter.

The Silicon Valley Chapter of SLA congratulates the American Library Association for taking a leadership role in this effort, and for providing us with this opportunity to participate. We wish you every success in your efforts.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Gust

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## Annual Recognition and Awards event : Pecha Kucha Leadership for Information Pros, January 12, 2011

Posted on January 20, 2011.



While we had our meeting at MacArthur Park in Palo Alto, this time we tried something different and had the traditional holiday party in the following year rather than at the traditional end-of-year event.

The Chapter set up [donations for Haitian libraries in cooperation with ALA](#) – offering printed forms for donations via check or credit card, a basket for cash or checks, information on how to donate via text messaging with the donation charged to members' mobile providers (just text to 20222) and information on how to donate online through ALA. There were about 40 attendees.



The main event was the Pecha Kucha (<http://www.pecha-kucha.org/>) panel on Leadership (Libby Trudell, Cindy Hill, Deb Hunt, Helen Keil Losch presenting), in which each participant showed 20 images with 20 seconds to talk about each one. Pecha Kucha is Japanese for “chit-chat” and the idea is to present ideas in a rapid and memorable fashion.

Next came the recognitions, awards, new board members and raffle. Helen Keil Losch thanked and recognized several members for their service to the chapter. This year's award recipients were Steven Kaye (Mark H. Baer Award), Cindy Hill (Lucy Steelman Award), Cliff Mills (President's Award), Praveena Raman (Published Member Award), AIM and IEEE (Vendor Partner Awards).



## 2010 Lucy Steelman Award Presentation

The new Board Members were announced; the chapter is seeking a President-elect for this year — contact Kathleen Gust with nominations.

-Steven Kaye

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## **Pecha Kucha Leadership for Information Pros / Recognition and Awards Celebration, Jan. 12**

Posted on January 10, 2011.

Join your colleagues for our first meeting of 2011, recognizing the remarkable accomplishments of our local Silicon Valley members during 2010. Leadership in our chapter is truly outstanding with several members providing leadership at the highest levels of SLA. We'll be looking back and looking forward at this program:

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**Featured Speakers:** Libby Trudell, Cindy Hill, Deb Hunt and Helen Losch, with others pending

**Location:** MacArthur Park, in Palo Alto, right next to the train station

**Registration URL:** <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/H69M5SN>

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## **Event: Pecha Kucha Leadership for Information Pros / Recognition and Awards Celebration, Jan. 12**

Posted on January 2, 2011. Tags: [Cindy Hill](#), [Deb Hunt](#), [Helen Losch](#), [Libby Trudell](#), [MacArthur Park](#), [Pecha Kucha](#)

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Posted on December 29, 2010.



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PECHA KUCHA speakers will include:

- Libby Trudell, VP of Marketing at ProQuest/Dialog, SLA Fellow, and Chair of the 2011 SLA Conference program
- Cindy Hill, Chair of 2012 Conference Planning Council, SLA Click University Instructor, past president of SLA
- Deb Hunt, Director, Board of Directors, SLA, Principal of Information Edge, Instructor at Diablo Valley College
- Helen Losch, 2010 Silicon Valley/San Andreas Chapter President, Reference and Instruction Librarian, Graduate School of Business at Stanford.

WHEN: Wednesday, January 12, 2011.

5:30 – 6:30 Registration, networking and appetizer buffet. Cash bar available.

6:30 – 8:00 Speakers and awards

COST: \$25 SLA Members / \$35 Non-members/ \$15 Students/ Members between jobs / Retirees

LOCATION: [MacArthur Park restaurant](#), 27 University Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301-2324

(Next to the train station — see map – <http://tinyurl.com/yfkawmo> )

PARKING: Available in the adjacent lot (free) and at the Caltrain station lot (nominal fee) behind the Sheraton. MacArthur Park also offers valet parking (not free).

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: [MacArthur Park is steps away from the Palo Alto Caltrain station, which is also a stopping point for several bus routes.](#)

REGISTRATION URL: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/H69M5SN> After registering, you will have the option of paying through PayPal (has an additional \$1.50 registration fee) or sending the check to the Registrar (pay for your own stamp and envelope).

DEADLINE: Register by end of day, Thursday, January 6. Any checks must be received by January 10, Monday.

Please forward this e-mail to any colleagues who may be interested. Also, check out Chapter news and other events by checking the blog and calendar at <http://siliconvalley.sla1.org/events> . Even better, enter your email to subscribe to updates.

Hope to see all of you this at this celebration.



**Jean Bedord**  
**Vicki Garlow**

Program Directors for 2010  
Silicon Valley Chapter, SLA

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## Diversity Award applications due March 4, 2011

Posted on December 20, 2010.



Reposted from the SLA Blog:

### **Seeking a more Diverse Membership**

The SLA Diversity Leadership Development Program (DLDP) Award aims to accelerate the advancement and visibility of members who represent a diverse population of the Association by mentoring them for more leadership opportunities within SLA, to ensure that the Association remains vital, relevant, and representative of its diverse membership.

The DLDP Awardee receives a \$1,000 stipend to assist in defraying the cost of attending SLA 2011 in Philadelphia, as well as complimentary registration and specific ticketed events as appropriate. Learn more about the DLDP Award today, and nominate yourself, or someone you know. Deadline for applications is 4 March 2011.

For more information, or for an application form, please [link to the SLA Blog](#).

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## Chapter End-of-Year and Holiday Party

Posted on December 3, 2010.



January 12, 2011 is the date set for the SLA Silicon Valley chapter *End-of-Year & Holiday Party* to be held at [MacArthur Park restaurant](#), Palo Alto. Traditionally, the *End-of-Year Party* is when the Chapter presents the Mark H. Baer and Lucy Steelman Awards and recognizes Chapter members and vendor sponsors for their support during the year.

More details and registration information will be available soon.

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## Silicon Valley Announces “Design A Program Challenge” Winners

Posted on March 4, 2010. Tags: [Design a Program Challenge](#), [San Andreas Chapter](#), [Silicon Valley Events](#)

Abby Dansiger, Gayle Pellizzer, Susie Quinn, Rowena Weger and Mia Jaeggli are the winners of the San Andreas Chapter SLA Design A Program Challenge. The award is sponsored by the local San Andreas chapter of the SLA.

The winning submission, "Creating Digital Exhibitions Using Open Source Solutions", was judged on creativity, feasibility of production, cost effectiveness, relevancy to the profession and level of interest to information professionals.

Winners receive free admission to the program of their design and two additional chapter events during the 2010 programming

year. In addition, the chapter is sponsoring them for a full year SLA membership, including extra dues to cover one extra chapter in addition to San Andreas chapter membership. This will enable winners who don't live in the Bay Area to also join a chapter closer to their home base.

Please watch the [San Andreas SLA blog](#) for date and time of the award winning event presentation.

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## **End of Year Holiday Meeting**

Posted on December 23, 2009.

The end of year business meeting/holiday party at MacArthur Park Restaurant on December 8th had a sizeable turnout, with what your editor estimates as forty to fifty attendees. Absolutely Adina (Adina Magill) displayed jewelry during the networking portion of the evening, the incoming board members were announced and Leslie Fisher announced a number of awards. The new board members will be listed in a separate post.

Libby Trudell received the [Mark H. Baer](#) Award and Sonia Dorfman received the [Lucy Steelman Award](#). Other award recipients included Pam Gore (President's Award), Jean Bedord (Published Member Award), George Plosker on behalf of IEEE (Vendor Partner Award) and Gloria Elia (a new category, Outstanding Service Award). Gloria was awarded memberships to both the national association and to the San Andreas Chapter on behalf of her tireless work managing registration and payment for the Chapter's programs throughout the year.

[Roy Tennant](#) gave a brief presentation "[Three Things You Must Know About What Libraries Are Doing](#)" which discussed changes in the profession and how librarians need to react to them by making as much information available to users as possible, pushing support out to their users, pulling data from external sources (and mashing it up) to enrich services. There was a brief Q&A period with questions about open source versus proprietary information sources and how to allow access to a wider audience while still maintaining some restrictions over the visibility of private holdings.

Thanks to everyone who organized the event, to board members past and present and to the Chapter members for making our last meeting of 2009 a success!

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## **Cindy Hill to receive prestigious global award**

Posted on April 22, 2009.



On May 14, 2009, SLA past-president Cindy Hill will receive the John Jacob Astor Award in Library and Information Science in Berlin. Awarded annually by the Checkpoint Charlie Foundation in cooperation with the Continuing Education Initiative for Special Research Libraries and Related Institutions, the award enables Germans or Americans who have made a special contribution to transatlantic knowledge transfer to come to Berlin to participate in a professional meeting on the latest developments in the field. Two other SLA members, Mary Ellen Bates and past-president Guy St. Clair, have received this award in the past.

"I'm honored to be in the company of other library and information professional luminaries in receiving this award, commented

Hill. "My leadership activities with SLA have been instrumental in helping me reach to new levels throughout my career."

Cindy Hill has worked as an information professional in a variety of industries including environmental, engineering consulting, executive recruiting and high-technology. Cindy's two most recent positions are Vice President of Outsell's Information Management Service and prior to that, leading Sun's Digital Libraries & Research team. Cindy is a frequent speaker at national and international conferences on the information profession, innovation, technology uses, trends and issues, and leadership and management topics. She has her own consulting firm, Hill Information Consulting Group.

A long time SLA member, Cindy has held many SLA leadership roles including President (2003-04), Secretary and member of the Board of Directors (1997-2000), Chair of the Metals & Materials Division (1990-99) and President of the San Andreas (California) Chapter (1984-85). She was made an SLA Fellow in 2001 and received the 2008 Karen J. Switt Leadership Award from the SLA Leadership & Management Division, recognizing her significant leadership in the information management profession. Cindy holds a Master's in Library Science and a Bachelor of Arts in English, both from San Jose State University, where she also serves as Adjunct Faculty at the School of Library and Information Science.

Congratulations Cindy!!

Libby  
Trudell

VP,  
Market Development  
Dialog

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## **SLA Diversity Leadership Development Program Award – Apply Now!**

Posted on November 20, 2008.

### **SLA DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AWARD**

**Application deadline: January 9, 2009**

Applications are available at: <http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/awardsrecognition/awardsdescriptions/dlpnomform/dldpnomfrm.cfm>

The SLA Diversity Leadership Development Program (DLDP) Award aims to accelerate the advancement and visibility of members who represent a diverse population of the Association by mentoring them for more leadership opportunities within the Special Libraries Association, to ensure that the Association remains vital, relevant, and representative of its diverse membership.

Recipients receive: 1.) An award of \$1000. The awarded money should assist with airfare and/or accommodations and may cover at least one SLA Continuing Education course 2.) Complimentary registration, provided by SLA, to attend the annual conference and specific ticketed events as appropriate 3.) An assigned mentor who is an Association leader.

To Be Eligible for the Award:

- Applicant must have been a member of SLA for at least 1 year.
- Applicants are eligible based on SLA's definition of diversity, which includes but is not limited to race, ethnicity, physical abilities, religious beliefs and/or sexual orientation.
- Applicant must have at least 3 years of professional library/information experience.
- Applicant cannot be a current SLA DLDP Committee member.

Only applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements at the time of application are submitted to the DLDP Committee for award consideration.

Expectations of the Award Recipients:

- Award recipients must attend the SLA Annual Conference the year the award is given. (As part of the registration package, SLA will pay for the Awards Ceremony ticket.)

- Award recipients must demonstrate a willingness to learn about SLA and have the potential for leadership responsibilities.
- Award recipients should be willing to attend DLDP sessions and events at the Annual Conference and participate in a group photo session administered by SLA.
- Award recipients will attend the Breakfast Reception hosted by the DLDP Committee and the Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday morning at the Annual Conference.
- Keep in contact with the assigned mentor.

Application deadline: January 9, 2009

Applications are available at: <http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/awardsrecognition/awardsdescriptions/dlpnomform/dldpnomfrm.cfm>

For more information about the Award and previous Award recipients, please see: <http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/awardsrecognition/diversityaward/index.cfm>

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## Lee Pharis Recipient of 2008 North American InfoStar Award

Posted on September 10, 2008.

Thomson Reuters, the world's leading source of intelligent information for business and professionals, announced two recipients of its 2008 North American Quantum<sup>2</sup> InfoStar Awards, which are presented annually to information professionals whose achievements demonstrate leadership and inspire others in their industry. **Lee Pharis** from the San Andreas Chapter was one of this year's recipients, as announced during a special ceremony at the Special Libraries Association (SLA) conference on June 17 in Settle, WA.

Lee, manager, Information Services, Exponent, Inc., (Menlo Park, CA) was honored for her ability to innovate, while also finding practical ways to enhance existing processes. She has evidenced these qualities in her work with Exponent, as well as her leadership role with SLA. As president of her SLA chapter, Lee was instrumental in establishing a new strategic plan and discovering new ways to recognize those who contributed to SLA.

"The InfoStar Awards recognize information professionals who demonstrate leadership and exemplify innovation in their industry," said Libby Trudell, Vice President, Market Development. As part of its Quantum<sup>2</sup> program that offers professional education and career development services to information professionals worldwide, Thomson Reuters annually designates recipients of its InfoStar Awards in various regions around the world.

For additional information about the Quantum<sup>2</sup> program, please visit <http://quantum.dialog.com>.

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## SLA Centennial Commission and 2009 Conference Planning Committee

Posted on September 2, 2008.

San Andreas Chapter Members:

The following note is note from the SLA Centennial committee. If you were at the Annual Conference in Seattle, you heard about the plan to hold a "black tie" event at a high-end location in DC and ask for contributions from Chapters and Divisions to fund that event. This idea has been shelved in favor of this new proposal. Your comments to the Centennial Committee are encouraged.

Helen Josephine  
Head Librarian, Engineering Library  
Stanford University  
[helenj@stanford.edu](mailto:helenj@stanford.edu)

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## **Bill Fisher Receives Dana Award**

Posted on January 30, 2008.

Congratulations to Dr. Bill Fisher for receiving the SLA John Cotton Dana Award! At the SLA Leadership Summit in Louisville, KY, last week, it was announced that Bill is this year's recipient of the prestigious award that recognizes an SLA member for a lifetime of achievement in special librarianship and for demonstrating "beyond" exceptional service to our profession. The San Andreas Chapter Award Committee submitted Bill's name for consideration of this honor because of his constant, willing, and passionate efforts on behalf of his colleagues and our membership at large. You can offer your personal congratulations to Bill at [Bill.Fisher@sjsu.edu](mailto:Bill.Fisher@sjsu.edu).

Lee Pharis  
[lpharis@exponent.com](mailto:lpharis@exponent.com)

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## **2007 Highlights of the SLA San Andreas Chapter**

Posted on January 7, 2008.

1. Developed the San Andreas Chapter Blog as communication channel to replace current announcements on our Chapter website and the bi-monthly newsletter. Blog postings include information on our Chapter board members, announcements of Chapter events such as programs, tours, solo librarian meetings, also conference and program summaries, and book reviews authored by our members.

2. Sponsored three dinner programs, six Solo Librarians programs, two tours and two neighborhood dinner events.

### **Chapter Dinner Programs**

Feb 22—Creative Commons (joint with San Francisco Chapter)

Mar 28—Movable Type and Chapter Blog Launch

Oct 25—Stephen Abram, President-Elect, SLA (joint with San Francisco Chapter)

### **Solo Librarians Group—Program and Pizza**

Jan 23—San Mateo Public Library

March 22—Google Guide

May 15—Second Life

July 11—SLA Conference wrap-up

Aug 29—Highwire Press

Nov 8—Internet Librarian wrap-up

### **Tours**

Mar 19—San Mateo Public Library

June 16—Monterey Wine Tasting and Tour of Stanford's Hopkins Marine Station Library

### **Neighborhood Dinners**

Week of July 9th—SLA Conference wrap up

Oct 30—at Internet Librarian Conference

3. At our Annual Business meeting on October 25, we honored the following members:

- Mary-Lynn Bragg received the Mark Baer Award for her work on the Chapter website and blog.
- Patricia Parsons received the Lucy Steelman Award for her work with the Solo Librarians committee and mentoring other librarians.



- Lorna Beich received the President's Award for her work with the Jobline.
- Bruce Antelman of Information Express received the Vendor Partner Award for his support of Mary-Lynn's work for the Chapter and the first advertiser on the blog.

We also acknowledged 12 members with 30 or more years of membership in SLA.

4. Lee Pharis organized a dinner at Cindy Hill's house for the past-presidents of the San Andreas Chapter. Ten former Chapter presidents attended the dinner, including Celene Walker who was president in 1980-81 when the Chapter was founded.

Helen Josephine  
[helenj@stanford.edu](mailto:helenj@stanford.edu)

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## **SJSU SLIS Accreditation Party Honors 40 Alumni**

Posted on December 18, 2007.

*– Includes SLA and Local Chapter Members*

On November 29, SJSU SLIS celebrated its fortieth continuous accreditation anniversary by honoring more than 40 alumni during its "Forty for Forty" celebration. The honorees included several SLA members – Sarah Buchanan, Ann Caputo, Daria DeCooman – as well as local Chapter members Christy Confetti Higgins, Eli Edwards, Monica Ertel, Fred Gertler, Cindy Hill and George Plosker.

Please click for [photos of the reception](#), courtesy of George Plosker (Thanks George!).

Read on for a full list of honorees.

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## **San Andreas Chapter Awards – October 25, 2007**

Posted on November 6, 2007.

Last week's San Andreas and San Francisco Bay Region Chapter meeting at the Stanford Faculty was a hopping [event](#). Excellent conversation and dinner were highlighted with the awards presentations and a thought-provoking (and at times very humorous) program on "Social Libraries: The 2.0 Phenomenon" by Stephen Abram, President-elect of SLA and Vice President Innovation for SirsiDynix.

Award presentations were also made. Past President Lee Pharis announced the Mark Baer and Lucy Steelman awards. Current President Helen Josephine announced the President's and Vendor Partner Award. President-elect Joe Langdon announced Membership Recognition to long-time members of SLA and the Chapter (the names of these members will be posted at a later date). The award recipients for 2007 are as follows:

Mark Baer Award – Mary-Lynn Bragg  
Lucy Steelman Award – Patricia Parsons  
President's Award – Lorna Beich  
Vendor Partner Award – Bruce Antelman at Information Express  
Membership Recognition – (winners' names to be posted at a later date)

Chapter member George Plosker has provided [photos](#) of the evening (thanks, George!) and the presentation slides are available on Stephen Abram's [blog](#), Stephen's Lighthouse.

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## Reminder: SLA San Andreas Chapter Award Recommendations Solicitation

Posted on August 13, 2007.

This is a reminder to Chapter members regarding award recommendations. We are seeking nominations for the **Lucy Steelman Award** and the **Mark H. Baer Award**. Please send nominations to Lee Pharis at [lpharis@exponent.com](mailto:lpharis@exponent.com) by Friday, August 17th.

Click [here](#) for detailed information from the original posting.

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## SLA San Andreas Chapter Award Recommendations Solicitation

Posted on July 24, 2007.

As the most recent Chapter Past-President, it is my privilege to chair the awards committee this year. Each year we have the opportunity to honor members of our chapter who have made notable contributions. Since 1990 we have presented the Mark H. Baer Award, and last year added the Lucy Steelman Award. In 2006 we were able to honor **Leslie Fisher with the Mark H. Baer Award** for lifting our programs off the ground by trying creative new approaches and venues, and **Eric Kristofferson with the Lucy Steelman Award** for providing a supportive collegial network in the spirit of Lucy Steelman through his work with the local Solo Librarians group.

The Mark H. Baer Award serves to recognize an individual's contributions to our chapter or our profession during either the current year or throughout their career. A description of this award and a list of past recipients can be found on the chapter web site here <http://www.san-andreas-sla.org/archives/awards.html>. The Lucy Steelman Award recognizes one who mentors colleagues in any number of ways. To provide a sense of what Lucy was about, and what the award that bears her name is intended to celebrate, please read the tribute to Lucy found on the chapter web site here <http://www.san-andreas-sla.org/archives/lucy.html>.

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## San Andreas Chapter Awards

Posted on December 27, 2006.

At the San Andreas Chapter Annual Business Meeting on November 15th, 2006, Past President Luisa Tosi Claeys announced the recipients of the Mark Baer, Lucy Steelman, Library Partner and Author awards. President Lee Pharis also announced the recipient of the President's Award. Each of the recipients has made noteworthy contributions to our Chapter. The awards recipients are as follows:

Mark Baer Award – Leslie Fisher  
Lucy Steelman Award – Eric Kristofferson  
Library Partner Award – Gloria Elia  
Author Award – George Plosker  
President's Award – Jeanie Frasier

For full article on award recipients written by [Luisa Tosi Claeys](#), please see the [Nov/Dec 2006 FaultLine](#).

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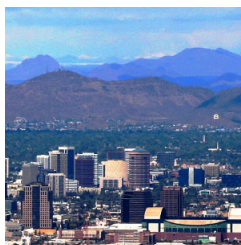


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