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Betty Warner: In “Discovery Mode”

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Betty Warner has always worked and lived in “discovery mode,” so it makes sense that she has started on yet another adventure. She is embarking on the next phase of her working life as a pastoral counselor, at Samaritan Hospice, headquartered in Marlton, New Jersey. Lest anyone think she is turning her back on librarianship, however, she sees it as a form of continuous evolution along a continuum. “Good librarianship and good chaplaincy are both practiced one conversation at a time, but instead of finding the one right answer to a question, a chaplain more usually needs to help

someone find the ability to dwell with a question or live with ambiguity.”

Betty has worked at the College of Physicians, Crozer-Chester Medical Center, and Kennedy Hospital in Stratford, New Jersey, but has spent most of her library career at Thomas Jefferson University. While at Jefferson, she was at the center of user education efforts – helping to form a new department for user education, writing the first distance learning courses, integrating informatics instruction into the curriculum, and introducing evidence-based practice concepts. She was heavily involved with several grants that focused on these themes, and that took her far afield – to Romania, Los Angeles, and more. Betty developed such a reputation that she was the only librarian invited to a recent international summit on evidence-based occupational therapy, sponsored by the AHRQ.

Betty has also been heavily involved with MLA at both the local and the Association levels, and to a lesser extent, with SLA. She has served as president of the local MLA chapter, but that was minor compared to her extensive committee work and the constant positive influence of her vision. In 1998 she received the Chapter’s highest form of recognition – the Chapter Achievement Award – and she has been recognized as a Distinguished Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals since 1990. The latter will still be in force, Betty reminds us, until 2010.

Over 10 years ago Betty began to serve as a Eucharistic minister at Jefferson Hospital, bringing spiritual relief to patients and their families. That led to participation in pastoral care training, a new program in which Betty was a member of the first cohort (recognize the theme?). One thing led to another, and she went on to complete a residency and satisfy the requirements as a Board Certified Chaplain. Now she talks about wanting to pursue a Masters of Divinity at a seminary or, more likely, through a distance learning program. But first, she is going to step back a bit and make her world a little bit smaller, focusing on one person, one family at a time, finding ways to address questions of meaning, self-discovery, and personal growth. We all wish her the greatest satisfaction in her quest. §



**54th Annual Philadelphia Regional Chapter, MLA
Dinner and Meeting
Thursday, May 5, 2005, 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

The 54th Annual Philadelphia Regional Chapter, MLA, Dinner and Meeting took place on May 5th at the Loews Hotel, Philadelphia, in the Lezcaze Dining Room. Attendance was approximately 60.

First on the agenda were cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, accompanied by wonderful jazz by the Sam Ruttenberg Trio. After approval of the minutes from the 2004 meeting, and a treasurer's report (solvent!), election results were announced:

- Chair Elect and Program Committee Chair- Brad Long
- Secretary- Barbara Cavanaugh
- Chapter Council Representative- Melanie Cedrone
- Chapter Council Alternate- Barbara Henry

The following awards were presented:

- Beatrice Davis Education Award- Dorothy Berenbrok, Drexel University College of IST- presented by Lenore Hardy
- Certificate of Appreciation- Gina Kaiser, Coordinator of Technical Services, University of the Sciences in Philadelphia- presented by Mignon Adams
- Certificate of Appreciation- Peter Jucovy, M.D., Philadelphia VA Medical Center and Drexel University College of Medicine- presented by Brad Long
- Robert Preston Lee Memorial Award- Ann Koopman, Editor, JEFFLINE, Thomas Jefferson University- presented by Debbie Sibley
- Randy Brenner Consumer Health Award- Andrea Kenyon, Director, Katherine A. Shaw Division of Public Services, College of Physicians of Philadelphia- comments by Andrea Kenyon
- Lifetime Membership- Margaret Devlin, Director, Kutztown University Library- presented by Andrea Kenyon

Chapter officers completing their terms were acknowledged by Chapter Chair Lenore Hardy. This was followed by a brief talk and greeting by Naomi Adelman, Associate Director, NN/LM Middle Atlantic Region.

Dinner was delicious; the venue and view were beautiful; the music was excellent; the camaraderie was outstanding. Enormous thanks are due to Dan Kipnis, Program Committee Chair (and incoming Chair) and his Committee, for a perfect evening! Thanks also to Lenore Hardy, Chair, for conducting the proceedings with aplomb. §

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Photos from the Annual Dinner and Meeting



The View



Sam Ruttenberg Trio



Dan Kipnis, Anne Seymour, Gary Childs



Kevin Block, Brad Long



Diane Wolf, Christine Chastain-Warheit, Ellen Justice



Beth Lewis, Linda Katz, Nina Galpern, Stephanie Ferretti



Liz Mikita, Nancy Calabretta, Debbie Sibley



Margie Smirk, Diane Wolf



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Florence Rosenthal, Rachel Resnick



Ann Koopman, Diane Wolf, Margie Smink



Andrea Kenyon, Etheldra Templeton



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Stephanie Ferretti



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Peggy Devlin



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Nancy Calabretta, Ted Hickman



Etheldra Templeton, Dennis Brenner, Susan Cavanaugh , Anne Seymour, Stephanie Ferretti



Rod MacNeil, Deb Lovett, Karen Albert, Linda Katz, Barbara Cavanaugh, Lenore Hardy, Patti Insetta-Rath



Patti Insetta-Rath, Esther Dell, Karen Albert

Thanks to Joan McKenzie for taking these photographs!

Nature Publishing Group: A View from the Library Advisory Committee

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Just about every medical library subscribes to *Nature* and to possibly one or more of Nature Publishing Group's subject specialty or review journals like *Nature Genetics* or *Nature Reviews Cancer*. Nature Publishing Group (NPG), a subsidiary of Macmillan, Ltd, is one of the most prestigious biomedical publishers, even though it is not nearly so large and powerful as Elsevier or Wolters Kluwer.

Like other major publishers, Nature has created an advisory committee of librarians to consult with regarding policies, electronic functionality, new journals, pricing, etc. The publisher's goal is to improve information exchange and relations with the library community. Perhaps the hullabaloo several years ago over Nature's electronic embargo policy led to the formation of this committee.

Through participation in the annual meetings of this group, I have learned a great deal about the inner workings and thinking of a commercial publisher. This year's New York meeting was attended by approximately 20 librarians from all over the world (including Japan, Finland, Germany, and Hungary) and from a variety of library types—academic, commercial, and research. The one-day program included talks on Nature's website changes, new journals, pricing ideas, electronic archives, Open Access, News@Nature, and more.

As in past years, the NPG staffers spoke convincingly of the problems associated with electronic access; i.e., the loss of print advertising which has forced them into a "balancing act." Recent website improvements and enhancements include the addition of "export to citation manager" functionality, RSS feeds, elimination of frames, a revamped search interface, and tabs for CrossRef search. Nature continues to upgrade their COUNTER-compliant usage statistics. For example, this year they added the CSV option as a format for statistics. They also initiated a free social bookmarking system for scientists, called Connotea, which supports sharing and organizing of favorite articles and websites.

They have also developed News@Nature with RSS alerting available to help the scientific community keep up with relevant major developments. Of course, institutions must pay for a site license to gain full access to this new site, while for individuals, access is provided as part of the subscription.

NPG continues to add new journals at a rapid pace. They acknowledge they are branching out into many specialty fields; thus, *Nature Physics*; *Nature Chemical Biology*, and *Nature Clinical Practice Oncology* have all been started in the past few years. While librarians on the Advisory Committee protested this proliferation of journals in areas already covered by other titles, the Nature people emphasized the high impact and value of the Nature journal—indicating that libraries should cancel other less valuable titles in favor of their brand.

The Nature take on Open Access (OA) has definitely changed since last year's meeting, when OA was pretty much written off as having little importance in the world of scholarly publishing. Not only did Nature representatives spend significant time at this year's meeting covering relevant developments, they also emphasized the steps their company has taken in response to recent changes like the NIH publications policy. NPG has instituted a new OA journal, *Molecular Systems Biology*, based on the author-pay model, assessing \$2,500/article fees. NPG has agreed to allow their NIH-funded authors to post papers to PMC, giving free access permission six months after publication. The Nature folks note that author behavior is changing slowly and that more self-archiving will likely occur, especially in view of developments in the UK and other European countries. They pointed out that no existing "author pay" models have been shown to be sustainable, but they are still considering making OA author fees available on all NPG journals, as has been done by Blackwell and Springer.

Nature continues to explore the idea of basing price on use (a scary thought!), and they repeatedly emphasize that studies show the high impact of their journals and therefore the excellent value libraries get for the price. They touted some new comparative studies of publisher pricing based on price/impact factor that showed NPG as only the 4th highest in price among the major publishers. They acknowledge the ongoing dilemma libraries face in meeting the demands of spiraling prices; nonetheless, they emphasize the obligations Nature has to show a profit to their shareholders.

These Advisory Committee meetings do highlight tough issues facing commercial publishers these days, such as maintaining income in the face of lost personal and print subscriptions; dealing with the OA movement and worldwide research funders' requirements for free full text access; electronic archiving issues; and demands for website bells and whistles. However, NPG remains one of the few publishers with no posted site license pricing or tier levels – and continuing used-car-sales-like bargaining sessions for determination of journal prices. Our site license for Nature proper has increased approximately 66% in just two years, although we have been able to negotiate more reasonable increases for other Nature titles. Just as in the case of ticket prices paid by travelers on the same airline flight, the library down the road may be paying an entirely different price for Nature journals-- there's really no way to know.

The Nature sales and administrative staff are extremely polite, articulate, friendly, and intelligent. The Library Advisory Committee meetings are well run, interesting and beautifully hosted. Information is exchanged, and all points of view are heard. This year's Advisory Committee meeting demonstrated that change is inevitable in the scientific publishing world, but much, especially with regard to pricing practices, still remains the same.

Should you have any insights, questions, or comments to convey to Nature Publishing Group, please contact me, and I'll put you in touch with the appropriate person. §

Mini-Public Health Forum

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Public Health has become one of the most important fields in medicine today. Our Chapter hosted the Mini-Public Health Forum on April 6th at Thomas Jefferson University. Modeled after the popular Mini-Medical School, the Mini-Public Forum was a concise and fascinating look at this emerging field.

The Forum examined three topics: infectious diseases, mental health services, and the librarian as a public health partner. Marla J. Gold, M.D., the Dean of the School of Public Health at Drexel University, spoke passionately about HIV and Hepatitis C. She presented statistics, mostly from Philadelphia, related to the number of AIDS cases by sex, race, or ethnicity, along with the date of diagnosis. She defined what AIDS is and summarized the history of AIDS. Then she talked about Hepatitis C and how common it was for patients with AIDS to be co-

infected with Hepatitis C. She noted that a number of zip codes in Philadelphia are consistent in that they manifest a high concentration of AIDS, poverty, and other social and medical problems.

The next speaker was Trevor Hadley, Ph.D., who is the director of the Center for Mental Health Policy and Services Research at the University of Pennsylvania. He talked about the evolution of mental health services in the United States, especially over the last fifty years. Some of his slides presented pictures of mental hospitals from the last one hundred years, to demonstrate their change in appearance. World War II became the catalyst for change in the treatment and perception of mental illness America. He also covered the important legislation that was passed during the last fifty years. Interestingly, he asserted that Philadelphia has one of the best mental health systems in the country.

The last speaker, Kristine Alpi, is the Library Manager for the Public Health Library of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Her slides covered the important agencies and websites that provide information on topics like the environment, nutrition, and statistics. Chapter members formed groups to examine scenarios she had created to see how libraries could partner with various groups in the community and to determine what kinds of resources could be used. She encouraged librarians to form partnerships with city departments which might not have access to library resources. She included an extensive public health bibliography in the Forum's packet.

The Mini-Public Health Forum's speakers were effective in covering their topics. One hopes that the Chapter will host other forums in the future. These forums are helpful in giving librarians background in various subjects, and in identifying the appropriate resources to be used in assisting their patrons. §



Dan Kipnis, Kristine Alpi and Tom Cummiskey



Dr. Marla Gold



Dr. Trevor Hadley

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine Expansion : A New Campus in Georgia

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The Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine is expanding its tradition of excellence with the creation of Georgia Campus – Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. This Georgia osteopathic medical school is located in Gwinnett County, nearby downtown Atlanta. The College has received approval from the American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation to accept students for admission.

The first class of 80 students will matriculate in August 2005. Georgia Campus – Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine will train students from Georgia and nearby southern states to practice osteopathic medicine. A goal is to encourage graduates to locate in inner cities and rural areas.

Philadelphia Library staff has replicated the Reserve and Reference collections to provide a core collection for incoming students and extended licensing for all electronic resources to include the GA campus. Library and Information Technology staff will share a common space, an Information Commons, which will accommodate the Library, Student Computer Lab, small group study rooms, a smart classroom, and imaging center. The newly hired GA Librarian, Larry DeLapp, will work closely with faculty to determine their unique resource needs and to identify opportunities for information literacy interventions, and with Philadelphia Library staff who will provide technical, systems, and services support.

Photos and floor plans of the beautiful new facility are on the PCOM web site at http://www.pcom.edu/General_Information/georgia/georgia.html §

From the Outgoing Chair

In the summertime, when some officers step down from the Board, the outgoing Chair gets the opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to Chapter activities during the year. So I'll take my turn, with gratitude. I say gratefully, because it is due to the time, creativity and energy of Board members that the Chapter advances and reaches its goals; the Chair doesn't go it alone!

Among those going off the Board this year (or switching places): Outgoing CE Chair, Tom Cummisky, organized several very successful events-- in particular the Mini Public Health Forum, a tremendous logistical undertaking; Sue Couch, stepping down as Chapter Council, has served with great enthusiasm-- bringing us information from the wider world; and Melanie Cedrone, our conscientious Secretary, put up with all my nitpicking corrections.

I also want to recognize members who are serving again this year-- Dan Kipnis, for his effective program planning; the annual dinner was a smash; Linda Katz, for another year of *Chronicles*, both entertaining and informative; Gina Kaiser, who secured generous funding so we could pay the bills; Stephanie Ferretti, for keeping us in the black. Thanks also go to those who were less visible but essential to the Chapter: Gary Childs, Membership; Joan McKenzie, Archives; Esther Dell, AHIP; Mary McCann, Benchmarking; and Brad Long who handled nominations and awards and is our incoming President!

We're very appreciative of the new volunteers who ran for office or offered to sit on the Board this year: Sharon Easterby-Gannett and Ellen Justice, CE Co-Chairs; Barbara Cavanaugh, Secretary; Barbara Henry, Chapter Council Alternate; and Nina Long, Government Relations.

I hope to see some of our initiatives move ahead in the coming year, in particular the recruitment of new members and increased participation by students. My year as Chair has been very enjoyable; I've learned a lot, met members I didn't know before and had the opportunity to serve the profession. Thank you all! §

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From the Incoming Chair

The 54th Annual Dinner was held on May 5, 2005 at the Loews Hotel and it was a big success. Approximately 60 Chapter members attended. The business meeting and awards were handed out and the Sam Ruttenberg trio performed jazz tunes.

The upcoming transitional board meeting will be held on July 28th from 10am to 3pm at Thomas Jefferson University Scott Memorial Library. The Board welcomes new volunteers to the chapter including: Barbara Cavanaugh (Secretary), Barbara Henry (Chapter Council Alternate), Sharon Easterby-Gannett and Ellen Justice (Co-CE Chairs) and Nina Long (Government Relations).

The Board has updated and revised the Policy and Procedures Manual.

The next MLA CE teleconference has been scheduled for November 16, 2005. The topic will be patient safety. Stay tuned for an announcement on a venue.

If you have ideas for programming, please contact the Board. The local chapter needs to hear from members in order to plan relevant programming. Volunteers for committees are also desired. This is an opportunity to get involved in the chapter and meet your colleagues.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the outgoing board members for their dedicated work. These include: Sue Couch (Chapter Council Alternate) and Thomas Cummiskey (CE). §

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From the Editor

“Hold the presses!” That’s what I thought when I heard on Friday, July 15, the deadline for this issue of the *Chronicle*, that Betty Warner was leaving librarianship and her position at Jefferson. Betty has been such an important figure in health sciences libraries here in Philadelphia, as well as in our Chapter, that I knew we couldn’t publish this issue without a tribute to her. Fortunately, Ann Koopman agreed to provide this, and for that I am extremely grateful. Best wishes to Betty in her new and worthy career in pastoral counseling. What a wonderful thing you’re doing, Betty!

Thanks to all the *Chronicle* staff and contributors, and to Joan McKenzie for the excellent Annual Meeting photographs, for what they’ve done to make this what I think is a particularly interesting issue. Your feedback would be appreciated! §

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Member & Library News

The **Biomedical Library, University of Pennsylvania**, is the recipient of the First Place distinction in the Medical Library Association’s PR Swap and Shop in the Academic Libraries category. Swap and Shop highlights creative and innovative ways that libraries can call attention to their services, etc. Penn held a “Medical Information Day” on April 11, when they distributed bookmarks and all public services staff wore “Medical Information Day” t-shirts.



Valerie Pena (front row, center), Anne Seymour (front row, right) and the public services staff of the Penn Biomedical Library

Dan Kipnis, Educational Services Librarian, Scott Memorial Library, Thomas Jefferson University, attended the spring session of the Biomedical Informatics MBL/NLM Course Fellowship- Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA.

Diane Wolf, Associate Director, Medical Libraries, Wilmington Hospital Library, Christiana Care Health System, has been elected to the position of Hospital Libraries Section (HLS) Nominee to the MLA Nominating Committee.

The following Chapter members presented at MLA 2005 in San Antonio: **Diane Wolf**, **Sharon Easterby-Gannett**, and **Christine Chastain-Warheit**, Christiana Care Health System, Newark, DE (Poster Presentation: “Supporting Physician Leaders as Their Roles Diversify: The Executive Management Journal Club”); **Karen Albert**, Talbot Research Library, Fox Chase Cancer Center (Poster Presentation: “Impact of Open Access Publishing”); **Dan Kipnis** and **Elizabeth Mikita**, Thomas Jefferson University (Poster Presentation: “Developing and Sustaining a Web-based Library Newsletter”); and **Lora Thompson**, Easton Hospital (Open Forum Author: “Initial Results of the Professional Development for Current and Aspiring Middle Managers [PDCAMM] Task Force Survey...”).

An article by **Dan Kipnis**, Educational Services Librarian, Scott Memorial Library, Thomas Jefferson University, and **Gary Childs**, Education Librarian, Hahnemann Library, Drexel University Health Sciences Libraries, "Educating Generation X & Y: Teaching Tips for Librarians," *Medical Reference Services Quarterly* 23 (4), Winter 2004, pp. 25-33, has been selected for the Library Instruction Roundtable's (LIRT) list of top 20 instruction articles for 2004.

The April 2005 issue of *Journal of the Medical Library Association* contains an obituary by **June Fulton**, Senior Vice-President, PeerView, Yardley, PA, on John Timour, who died on September 29, 2004, and who was University Librarian, Thomas Jefferson University, Scott Memorial Library, from 1975 through his retirement in 1987.

Rebecca Raszewski, Reference Librarian, Drexel University Health Sciences Libraries, Hahnemann Library, was featured in a photographic exhibit derived from the "I Am a Librarian" project, at the University of West Florida, Fort Walton Beach Campus, during National Libraries Week, April 10-16. For more information on this and on the project overall, see <http://www.iamalibrarian.com>.

Staff Changes:

Virginia Lingle has been appointed Interim Director of the George T. Harrell Library, Pennsylvania State University Milton S. Hershey Medical Center; she had been Associate Librarian, Cataloging & Serials, at the Harrell Library.

Margaret (Peggy) Devlin has announced her retirement from her position as Dean of Library Services, Rohrbach Memorial Library, Kutztown University; prior to her post in Kutztown, she had been Associate Director of Public Services at Thomas Jefferson University, Scott Memorial Library, where one of her most noteworthy accomplishments was her role in helping to plan and implement the online catalog. She had served on the Chapter Board for many years, including a stint as President. (Congratulations and best wishes for your future endeavors!)

Carol Montgomery retired as Dean of Libraries at Drexel University on June 30. Previous positions include: Director, Hahnemann University Library; Director, Institute for Academic Informatics, Allegheny University of the Health Sciences; and Director of Library Services, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. Long recognized as a librarian/scholar, at Drexel she became well-known for her promotion and development of a comprehensive electronic journal and book collection. She had also been President of the Chapter. (Best wishes on your retirement, and for continued scholarly activity- and happy running!) §

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Meet Your Fellow Chapter Members

Profile #1: Barbara Henry

Present Professional Position: I manage the day-to-day operations of two community health libraries for Christiana Care Health System. One is the Cancer Resource Library, located in the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center, on the campus of Christiana Hospital, Newark, Delaware. The second is the Community Health Library, located at the Eugene duPont Preventive Medicine &

Rehabilitation Institute, in Wilmington, Delaware. This includes supervision of two library assistants, reference/searching for public and professionals, collection development, cataloging, teaching, etc.

Past Professional Experience: I moved to Delaware from Texas 5 1/2 years ago to take this job. Prior to the move, I was Public Services Manager for Scott & White Memorial Hospital's medical library in Temple, Texas, where I supervised circulation, reference and interlibrary loan staff and was also in charge of collection development and end user education.

During grad school I worked in the hospital library at John Peter Smith Hospital, Ft. Worth, TX.

What do you find most interesting about your work? What I like about my job is the opportunity to interact with both the public as they seek health information and healthcare professionals as they seek information to assist in patient care. While both libraries are "public" libraries, I also serve as the librarian for the professionals at both sites. Although part of a very large healthcare system, and of a 4-library system within that framework, the two libraries I work in are different in scope and purpose from the hospital libraries. Often I feel I work in a one-person library, which suits me.

What qualities or traits do you find most helpful in your work? One trait that helps me most in my work is the ability to reason logically. I am naturally curious. Both qualities help in ferreting out information for our customers.

What do you enjoy doing "for fun"? One of the best things that has happened to me since my move to Delaware is that I bought my first horse -- a 50-year dream come true. His name is Sundancer (Sunny) and he is a 17 hand chestnut Hanoverian. Here's a link to his photo:
<http://www.w2mw.org/blog200310/sunnyOct03.htm>.

I live in the utopian community of Arden Delaware (www.theardens.com) where I am a member of the Village Knitiots, a group of women who love to knit and sell our wearable art. (<http://www.ardenartists.com/knitiots/home.htm>)

In addition, I am active with the Shakespeare Gild in Arden. For the last four years I have been the assistant costume designer and primary milliner for the group's annual production. This year our play was set in the 1920s so we didn't have to build a lot of costumes from scratch.
<http://www.ardenclub.com/shakespeare.htm>

Is there anything about you that others might be surprised to know? From October through February each year my husband and I host a Thursday "Soup Night" for about 30 of our neighbors. I make a huge pot of soup, it's come and go, people bring bread, wine, dessert, or nothing at all. We have a great time and it helps everyone survive the early darkness of winter.

Why would you encourage members to become actively involved in the Philadelphia Regional Chapter? It's the best way to network with librarians in the Chapter.

Profile #2: Mary McCann

Present Professional Position: My current title is Compliance Officer and Director of Library and Intranet Services. Quite a mouthful, isn't it? I am responsible for traditional library services, the clinical librarian program, the Historic Collections, the hospital-wide intranet, and finally, I serve as the Privacy Officer for Pennsylvania Hospital.

Past Professional Experience: I don't have a long history of professional experience. I was hired at Pennsylvania Hospital in 1997 shortly after finishing up my degree from Drexel and an internship at the University of Pennsylvania Biomedical Library. I came to library work after careers in nursing and teaching.

What do you find most interesting about your work? Definitely the diversity. There are so many ways that a librarian can contribute to the work and mission of an organization. I have been involved in management and leadership projects, clinical initiatives, educational programs, and IT projects. There's always something new in this job.

What qualities or traits do you find most helpful in your work? I think that the ability to focus on the big picture is one of the reasons that I have been successful at Pennsylvania Hospital. I am not perceived as a person who is only interested in the library but rather I am seen as someone who works collaboratively with others to solve their issues, not mine.

What do you enjoy doing "for fun"? A perfect day for me starts with 9 holes of golf, then maybe a ½ mile swim topped off with a doubles tennis match under the lights. If I can have dinner at a great restaurant and read myself to sleep with a compelling work of fiction, I couldn't ask for more!

Is there anything about you that others might be surprised to know? Maybe that I'm about to finish my MBA studies at the Fox School of Business at Temple University.

Why would you encourage members to become actively involved in the Philadelphia Regional Chapter? I have attended many programs and CE offerings at the chapter and at the national level of MLA. I can honestly say that our local chapter's offerings have provided great value in terms of both cost and content. More importantly, however, I think I must echo the sentiments that I've seen expressed in this column in the past. I really like the people that I have met through the local chapter. They have been intelligent, inspiring, witty, and generous. §

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Membership Update

Chapter membership is currently 115. This year we enabled members to renew their memberships for up to three years. Approximately 17% of our current membership took advantage of this new option. We hope to see more members take advantage of this convenience in the coming year.

A future membership brochure project is just about to get underway! If any members have particular ideas about items to be included, please email me.

The Membership Committee includes Susan Couch, Rebecca Raszewski and Jessica Ward. §

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Development Report

The year 2004-2005 was excellent for our chapter. We received support from 13 vendors, totaling \$4,700. Four of the vendors actually increased their contributions from last year by 25% or more. They are listed below in alphabetical order.

American Association for Cancer Research
EBSCO Information Services
Elsevier
Emery-Pratt
HSLC
Lippincott Williams & Wilkins
Majors Scientific Books
PALINET
Rittenhouse Book Distributors
Swets Information Services
TDNet
Thomson Scientific
Wert Bookbinding

It was only with their support they we were able to have the lovely annual banquet as well as the other programs and Continuing Education sessions of this past year, and we hereby gratefully acknowledge their contributions. §

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Calendar

October is National Medical Librarians' Month

ACCESS PA Members

Don't forget to sign up for free fall workshops: <http://www.accesspa.state.pa.us/>

PALINET

Location: PALINET, 3000 Market St., Suite 200, Philadelphia, PA

Registration & Information: (215) 382-7031 or fax (215) 382-0022 or <http://www.palinet.org/>

See website for Fall workshops at all Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey locations, as well as many online workshops.

Workshops at the Philadelphia site:

Nov. 16 What's eating our collections: an IPM approach to fabric pests

DIALOG Workshops

Location: 1735 Market St., Phila., PA 19103

Registration & Information: (800) 334-2564 or

http://training.dialog.com/sem_info/calendar/penn.html

Aug 18: Introduction to Dialog: Featuring DialogWeb commercial interface

Aug 25: Tracking a pharmaceutical product from discovery to postmarketing surveillance

For web-based training and free online courses, see

http://training.dialog.com/sem_info/calendar/webtraining/

August 16-17

Competitive Intelligence 101 & 202

Sponsor: Society of Competitive Intelligence Professionals

Location: New York Marriott Marquis Hotel, New York, NY

Information & Registration:

<https://www.123signup.com/servlet/SignUpMember?PG=1857182300&P=1857191152959400&Info>

August 23

PubMed

Sponsor: NN/LM Middle Atlantic Region

Location: New York Academy of Medicine, New York, NY

Information: (212) 822-7354 or <mailto:edaniels@nyam.org>

Registration: <http://nmlm.gov/mar/online/request.html>

September 18

Blog University; Weblogs for Libraries

Held in conjunction with Websearch University [please see below]

Information: <http://www.blog-u.com/>

September 18-20

Websearch University

Sponsor: Information Today, Inc.

Location: Marriott Crystal City, Arlington, VA

Information: <http://www.websearchu.com/dailyschedule.shtml>

Registration: <http://www.websearchu.com/registration.shtml>

September 25-28

Pennsylvania Libraries: For Learning, For Living, For Life

Sponsor: Pennsylvania Library Association Annual Conference

Location: Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, Hershey, PA

Information & Registration: <http://www.palibraries.org/2005Conference/index.htm>

September 25-27

Prescription for Progress

Sponsor: North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries/MLA

Location: Westin Hotel, Providence, RI

Information & Registration: <http://www.nahsl.org/2005/index.htm>

September 28-30

Going for the Gold: Librarians as Information Champions

Sponsors: New York-New Jersey & Upstate New York & Ontario Chapters/MLA

Location: Hilton Lake Placid Resort, Lake Placid, NY

Information & Registration: <http://www.nynjmla.org/unyoc.pdf>

October 3-6

Information Innovation - Charting New Territory

Sponsor: Mid-Atlantic Chapter/MLA

Location: Omni Charlottesville Hotel, Charlottesville, VA

Information & Registration: <http://www.cbil.vcu.edu/mac/events/2005/meeting.html>

October 22-26

Biomedical & Health Informatics: From Foundations to Applications to Policy

Sponsor: American Medical Informatics Association Annual Symposium

Location: Washington Hilton & Towers, Washington, D.C.

Information: <http://www.amia.org/meetings/annual/current/>

Registration: <https://www.amia.org/secure/order/login.asp?fid=fall>

October 24-26

SCIP Institute

Sponsor: Society of Competitive Intelligence Professionals**Location:** Washington, D.C.**Information forthcoming at:** <http://www.scip.org/>**October 28-November 2**

Sparkling Synergies: Bridging Research and Practice Together

Sponsor: American Society for Information Science & Technology Annual Meeting**Location:** Charlotte, North Carolina**Information:** <http://www.asis.org/Conferences/AM05/index.html>**Registration:** <http://www.asis.org/Conferences/AM05/registration.html>**November 4-5**

New Ways of Listening to Library Users: Tools for Measuring Service Quality

Sponsor: Association of Research Libraries**Location:** ARL Offices 21 Dupont Circle, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036**Information & Registration:** <https://db.arl.org/listen/>**November 4-9**

Beyond Boundaries...

Sponsor: Association of American Medical Colleges Annual Meeting**Location:** Marriott Wardman Park & Omni Shoreham Hotels, Washington, DC**Information:** <http://www.aamc.org/meetings/annual/2005/start.htm>**Registration:** <http://www.aamc.org/meetings/annual/2005/registration/start.htm>**November 16**

Teleconference on Patient Safety

Sponsor: Medical Library Association**Information will be forthcoming:** <http://www.mlanet.org/>Virtual Learning OpportunitiesMedical Library Association: http://www.mlanet.org/education/web/web_courses.html

Special Libraries Association:

<http://www.sla.org/content/learn/learnmore/distance/2005virtsem/index.cfm> §

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Treasurer's Report

The Philadelphia Regional Chapter/MLA Citizen bank account, as of July 15, 2005, has a balance of \$22,198.85, with all transactions recorded in a Quicken database. §

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