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From the President

By Larry Meyer

Hopefully, all of you have received and returned your election ballots. I want to take this opportunity to thank the candidates for agreeing to run for their respective positions. I also want to thank the hard working Nominations Committee on coming up with one of the largest slates we have seen in a number of years. Plan to attend the annual meeting on June 25th where you can meet, greet, thank and congratulate the candidates.

Recently, the board along with the Technology Committee looked at two issues involving privacy. This was sparked by concerns expressed by some of our members regarding the archiving of e-mail messages and their ability to be accessed, sometimes years later, by outsiders. The other privacy issue centered on the ability of outsiders to access our web-based directory.

In discussing the second issue with the Technology Committee, the board felt that it was a benefit to the membership to be able to access the directory on-line. With that understanding, the committee is in the process of investigating and evaluating methods that would protect the directory, but at the same time allow members easy access. Part of the process will involve the committee working with AALL headquarters on a password method that will be easiest for our membership to use. Keep in mind that the technology area at headquarters is playing catch up due to injuries their

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Also in this issue, we are featuring two law librarian bio-profiles: Jessica Wimer from the University of Southern California Asa Call Law Library and June MacLeod from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law. This issue also includes two articles on SCALL past presidents. Pamela L. Hall shares her recollections of SCALL events as well as experiences and challenges encountered during her term as president. Leonette Williams contributes a column commemorating SCALL past president Alan Holoch. If you want to contribute to the past president column, please send the articles to Diana Jaque's e-mail address at djaque@law.usc.edu.

We will continue with the bio-profile series and book reviews in future issues, so if you wish to write a bio-profile on a new or seasoned member or a book review that may be of interest to SCALL members, I encourage you to submit one. There will also be a future column devoted to unusual reference questions, new ideas, etc. If you wish to contribute, please send the information to my e-mail address at mclarenm@ulv.edu.

As a final note, I really appreciate all the terrific work and the time and effort that each SCALL member has dedicated to the success of the newsletter. Each one of us has something valuable to contribute.

From the Editor

Margot McLaren
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My first year as editor has been a wonderful experience, and I plan to continue as editor for the next year (2002-2003). I have learned so much this past year and I really appreciate SCALL members contributing articles, book reviews and announcements in each newsletter. With each issue, the newsletter keeps expanding. This issue includes three terrific articles written by Brian Keefe, Amy Hale-Jenke and Sheila Stone. Brian Keefe's article entitled, "A Computer Only Lives Twice," discusses the World Computer Exchange (WCE), a non-profit group based in Hull, Massachusetts that collects computer equipment for schools in developing countries to bridge the information and technological divide that exists between the poorest and developed countries. A reprint of Amy Hall-Jenke's article that first appeared in the Fall 2001 issue of SWALL (vol. 32, no. 3) entitled, "A Corporate Computer Lab: Hybrid of the Future?", explains how a hybrid computer lab sponsored by West Group was created for the San Diego County Public Law Library's main and North County branches. Sheila Stone's article on the 30th Annual SCALL Institute highlights the issues on employment law. As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, there are photographs of the Institute taken by Dan Martin, Cornell Winston and myself.

Thank you for making the 30th Annual SCALL Institute a success!

Chair, SCALL Institute Committee
Cornell H. Winston

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SCALL BUSINESS MEETING

Join us for SCALL's Annual Business Meeting and Installation of New Officers

Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Time: Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Richard H. Chambers, U.S. Court of Appeals Building
125 S. Grand Avenue,
Pasadena, CA. 91105

Parking: Free parking across from the U.S. Court of Appeals Bldg.

Cost: \$16.00 for members
\$8.00 for students

Menu: Sandwich Buffet
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SCALL BUSINESS MEETING 06/25/2002

R.S.V.P. by June 21, 2002 to Belinda Beardt (scallpass@earthlink.net). Mail reservation form with check payable to SCALL. P.O. Box 4227, Burbank, CA. 91503-4227.

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leader suffered in a traffic accident, so it might be a few months at the earliest before outside access may be restricted. If and when this happens, the Technology Committee will inform all as to the timing and the method of access.

As to postings of messages to the SCALL listserv being accessible to outsiders, this is a more complicated issue. It is an issue that is not unique to our listserv. Messages are archived and can be retrieved through a search engine search. People can and will years after the posting retrieve a message one has posted. In our case, outsiders have found postings from members to the listserv ranging from requesting information to disposition of items to whatever. At present, the Board could not come up with a method to limit or prevent this access without placing a heavy burden on the Technology Committee. Even so, any action would not limit access to messages already archived, but would only cover future messages. With those thoughts in mind, it was decided that at present the best we could do is remind everyone that our listserv messages are archived and are searched by at least one search engine. Therefore, when posting messages to the SCALL list keep in mind that even a privacy statement does not assure that a message will not be forwarded, archived or otherwise available to others.

In wrapping up this column, I would like to take a moment, on behalf of our organization to congratulate the Southern California Chapter of the Special Library Association on their 75th Anniversary. We also wish them well as they host the annual SLA Convention this June in Los Angeles.



30th Annual SCALL Institute

*by Sheila Stone
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This year SCALL has a lot to celebrate. In December we will be commemorating the first SCALL meeting, which took place 50 years ago at USC, and, just a few weeks ago, SCALL members enjoyed the 30th Annual SCALL Institute. Each year SCALL members have gathered to learn something new and network with other members from many library backgrounds in a relaxing setting. This year's Institute was no exception. Employment Law not just 9 to 5 was a reprise of an earlier Institute that covered employment law from a different angle.

The 30th SCALL Institute was held in Solvang, California at the picturesque Royal Scandinavian Inn from March 22-23, 2002. On Friday, March 22nd the Institute kicked off with a delightful lunch where the phrases "how are you doing" and "it's so good to see you here" were heard over and over. Then it was down to business.

Our first speaker was Christina L. McEnerney who spoke to us about the new amendments to California law that affect employment. Many amendments proved to have ambiguous language so how they affect employment is yet to be seen. Ms. McEnerney enticed the audience to participate by offering bite-size candy bars to those who offered answers to the questions she posed. We also learned that she was a fill-in speaker who had graciously agreed to do not one but two presentations for us that Friday. Her second presentation was on privacy rights and free speech in the workplace.

We also heard from Cindy Spohr on Friday afternoon. Ms. Spohr spoke about the do's and don'ts on interviewing from the employer's perspective. The talk included lots of great hints and tips to help hire the right person for the right job.

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A Computer Only Lives Twice

by Brian Keefe (briankeefe@dwt.com)

Well, it started out like so many of these things do. I was sitting in my office minding my own business. Then, I opened an email from a friend serving with his wife in the Peace Corps in Ecuador. He was asking for assistance. I thought I would look very striking walking up a dirt path to his village, leading a group carrying needed supplies, as much at ease as if I were strolling down Wilshire. Still, that was a very long way to go to strike a pose.

My friend, however, was not auditioning me for a role in an adventure story of my own making. Rather, he wanted help in obtaining old computers and sending them to Ecuador so that he could use in this village.

After I overcame my disappointment, I set about doing this, using the SCALL listserv to solicit donations. I did in fact obtain some cpus, monitors, etc., but events intervened before I could get these to Ecuador. After September 11th, it became very difficult to “hitch” a ride for this equipment. Then my friend developed a health condition that made it necessary for him to leave the Peace Corps and return with his wife to the U.S.

This friend is either highly motivated to help people, or he just wants to make sure I don’t lapse further into procrastination and inertia. He told me about a group called the World Computer Exchange. He said that I should see about donating the equipment to them.

The World Computer Exchange, “WCE”, is a nonprofit group based in Hull, Massachusetts that collects computer equipment for schools in developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. According to a Wall Street Journal article from March 29, 2001, the group will take “anything that will get the kids online.” The only requirement for the equipment is that it be in working order and Internet-accessible.

WCE is dedicated to bridging the digital divide in information and technology that separates the world’s poorest youth from those of the developed world. WCE, (www.WorldComputerExchange.org), keeps donated PC, Mac and Laptop computers from meeting too early an end in our nation’s landfills. It gives them a second life connecting these young students to the Internet. Containers of computer equipment have been shipped to Benin, Cameroon, India, Nepal and Nigeria. WCE provides professional consulting to nonprofit organizations and government agencies that develop the plans necessary to network, connect and maintain these computers.

The computers meant for Ecuador were sitting in boxes in an extra bedroom. My tastes in interior decorating are mundane, but I realized the boxes did not enhance the motif of my living space. What I needed to do was to get this equipment to WCE, but how? On the West Coast, there is at present only a WCE office in Palo Alto, CA.

The WCE came through for me. A member of their board was passing through the Los Angeles area and offered to take everything to Palo Alto. Now I had the extra bedroom back and could feel altruistic, too. I could strike a pose after all, this one before my mirror, looking very humanitarian.

I thought that there might be other law librarians whose libraries or firms would want to give their outdated computer equipment to the WCE. Maybe they, too, wanted to look, well, mildly heroic. The logistical problem concerned me, however. The equipment needs to get to Palo Alto.

I contacted Anne-Catherine Yon, the WCE’s coordinator in Palo Alto. She told me that the organization is planning in the short term to open a regional office in Los Angeles. Meanwhile, it is considering renting a truck on a regular basis to go to LA, collect the computers and take them to Palo Alto.

If you think that your library or office would want to donate computer equipment, you can contact Anne-Catherine Yon, World Computer Exchange, P.O. Box 60778, Palo Alto, CA 94306, AYon@WorldComputerExchange.org.

Take this opportunity to give your computers a second life, one that will help young people throughout the world.





SCALL 2002 Election Candidates

VICE PRESIDENT/ PRESIDENT ELECT

Diana Jaque, Collection Development / Acquisitions Librarian, USC School of Law Library

Sheryl Kramer, Library Director, Chapman University School of Law Library

SECRETARY

Jennifer Hill, Evening Access Services Librarian, UCLA School of Law Library

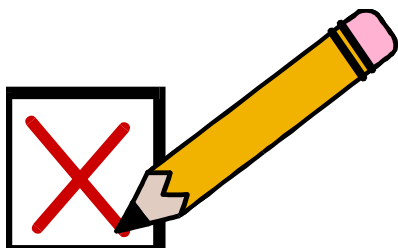
Martin Korn, Librarian, Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, LLP

James Senter, Librarian, Jones, Day Reavis & Pogue

BOARD MEMBER

Patrick Meyer, Electronic Resources Librarian, Loyola Law School Library

Thomas Watts, Public Services Librarian, Whittier Law School Library



SCALL's 50th Anniversary

This year marks SCALL's fiftieth anniversary. To commemorate the event SCALL is planning a gala celebration at the site of the first SCALL meeting.

The details of the evening are as follows.

Date: December 4, 2002

Registration: 5:00PM

Cocktails: 5:30-7:00PM (Hancock Museum on Campus)

Dinner: 7:00PM

Program: 7:45PM

Dancing: 8:15PM - ?

Place: USC's Town & Gown (USC/site of the first meeting on 12/5/52)

Attire: formal attire/black tie optional

Please save the date! The Planning Committee is working hard but we would appreciate your participation. We still need additional entries for the commemorative logo, so if you have an idea, please pass it along. We would also like to display memorabilia from the past fifty years and would welcome anything you would like to share with us, whether it be general library items or something unique you received from a vendor. We are also collecting photographs. We would like photos from years gone by and will soon be working toward collecting some current pictures. (More details on the current photos to come.)

Thank you.

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Job Opportunities

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Electronic Services Reference Librarian, Los Angeles County Law Library, Los Angeles

Duties: reviews, evaluates and participates in the selection of electronic resources and applications; provides training for staff and patrons on electronic resources and applications; assists patrons to access electronic resources; creates and maintains Library's web pages; responsible for the installation, maintenance and proper functioning of Reference Department software and hardware; performs the duties of a reference librarian; regular rotating Saturday and rotating holiday work required; evening work required as needed.

Qualifications: ALA Masters degree; three (3) years of relevant experience as a professional librarian in a large law library; demonstrated knowledge of computer hardware and software library applications, including CD-ROM networking and the Internet; demonstrated ability to create and maintain web pages; strong public services orientation and commitment.

Salary: \$4,397-\$5,736/month; excellent benefits.

To apply: send cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references to: Richard T. Iamele, Library Director, Los Angeles County Law Library, 301 West First Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, or fax to 213-680-1727

Access Services Librarian, Los Angeles County Law Library, Los Angeles

Duties: manages and supervises the daily operations of the Circulation Section, media services, stack maintenance, interlibrary loan and document delivery services; administers the operation of the Endeavor Voyager system's circulation module in the Main Library; plans for the implementation of the module into the Branches and will administer the module in the Branches; some Saturday and rotating holiday work required; evening work required as needed.

Qualifications: ALA Masters degree; three (3) years of increasingly responsible experience in public services as a professional librarian, including working knowledge of library automation systems, especially circulation modules; demonstrated managerial ability; strong public services orientation and commitment.

Salary: \$4,600-\$6,002/month; excellent benefits.

To apply: send cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references to: Evania A. Thompson, Deputy Library Director, Los Angeles County Law Library, 301 West First Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or fax to 213-680-1727

Serials and Acquisitions Librarian, Chapman University School of Law, Orange

Responsibilities:

Primary responsibility for the Serials and Acquisitions department of the Law Library. Supervise Acquisitions Technicians. Order, receive and process Library materials. Perform all serials claim procedures on automated computer system. Oversee filing of all loose-leaf materials. Perform preservation activities in cooperation with the Catalog Librarian. Undertake various collection management duties. Create check-in records for new serials. Resolve problems regarding any incorrect records, missing books, and other discrepancies with OPAC records and the physical collection. Initiate and maintain relations with publishers and vendors. Manage Library monograph and serial orders. Oversee return of duplicates and unwanted materials. Assure accuracy of acquisitions records on INNOPAC. Write and maintain procedures regarding book acquisition ordering. Oversee the use of electronic ordering by the Acquisitions Technicians. Provide research assistance to students, faculty and the legal community. Participate in daytime and Saturday reference duty rotation. Participate in collection development. Serve as liaison to the faculty. Conduct on-line research. Conduct library tours. Assist in planning and reviewing goals, procedures, policies and manuals for the Law Library. Attend conferences and training. Requires a flexible work schedule and may involve some travel.

Required Qualifications:

MLS degree from ALA-accredited institution. Experience searching on a bibliographic utility, preferably OCLC and INNOPAC. Knowledge of law publishing industry practice. Knowledge of trends in access to scholarly and electronic publishing and digital information. Ability to work with computer-generated reports. Knowledge of ordering and payment systems. Prior supervisory responsibility. Ability to direct and monitor workflow. Ability to develop departmental procedures. Ability to work independently, exercise initiative and coordinate specific operations within the department. Excellent problem-solving skills, with the ability to formulate and communicate logical and sound conclusions and recommendations. Demonstrated effective writing skills. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Budget management experience. Computer skills in word processing, legal research, Internet and electronic mail software. Ability to use Lexis and Westlaw.

Desired Qualifications:

Prior experience in a law library serials and acquisitions department.

Salary:

Commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Benefits:

Excellent benefits include medical, dental, vision, life insurance, 401 with employer matching contributions, and tuition discount for employee and qualified dependents.

To Apply:

Send 2 copies of resume and salary history (must be included) to Chapman University, Human Resources, 1 University Drive, Orange, CA 92866. Application materials may also be faxed to (714) 997-6901, or e-mailed as Word attachments to CUJobs@chapman.edu. Additional information at www.chapman.edu/hr (Job 140-01). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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Getting to Know You: *Jessica Wimer*

By Victoria Williamson
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Jessica Wimer recently joined the University of Southern California Gabriel and Matilda Barnett Information Technology Center & the Asa V. Call Law Library as a research librarian. Jessica is an Indiana University alumna. She has a Bachelor's degree in Arts and Humanities with a major

in History and a double minor in Anthropology and Folklore. She received her J.D. from Indiana University School of Law in 2000 and attended the School of Library and Information Science where she completed her M.L.S. in the fall of the following year.

Prior to joining the USC staff, Jessica held a series of law library related positions. She worked at the circulation department at the Indiana University School of Law Library where she later moved on to work as a reference intern. After her first year in law school, she worked as a legal intern in the Office of the Mayor of the City of Carmel in Indiana. The summer following her second year of law school, she worked as a researcher in the Office of the Utility Regulatory Commission in Indianapolis.

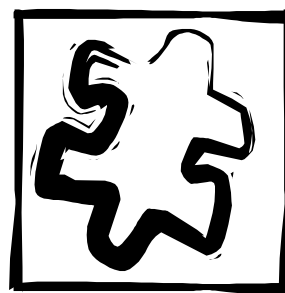
An interview with Jessica revealed her strong sense of community involvement and spirit of volunteerism. In her undergraduate years, she worked during the summer session at the Wylie House Museum transcribing the Wylie family letters from 1860 through 1870. While in law school, she was on the Protective Order Project, which is a student-run project providing legal assistance to women in need of protective orders.

She also served as a Managing Editor of the Indiana University Journal of Global Legal Studies. In 1998, during her second year in law school, she received the Anna Lee Webb Miller Scholarship.

With quite an impressive list of accomplishments, one can't help but wonder what drew Jessica to the field of law librarianship. Here is what Jessica confided: *"I knew I wanted to go to law school as an undergrad. When I was a junior or senior, two unrelated things happened that would later have a big impact on my decision. First I happened to meet one of the reference librarians at the law school, and we became friends. I was not considering that position at the time, so his job was not a big source of discussion. Later, I needed to fill a slot in my schedule and took a library class. I really enjoyed the class, but at that time I was sure I wanted to practice law."*

After starting law school I realized what I enjoyed most was the research aspect of it. Because I knew one of the librarians personally, I was able to learn more about the job".

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on January 30, 1974, Jessica enjoys reading, jigsaw puzzles and learning new things. In fact, she has just started taking piano lessons for the first time! Those who know Jessica will without a doubt agree that she's got what it takes to be a great reference librarian.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations!

Marlene Bubrick is the new Head of Acquisitions at the Loyola Law School. She may be reached at marlene.bubrick@lls.edu or (213) 736-1410.

After 13 years at Arter & Hadden (Lawler Felix & Hall), **Anna Delgado** will now be reached at her new employment at Thelen Reid & Priest as of May 7, 2002 at adelgado@thelenreid.com or at (213) 621-9800.

Award Nominations

Nominations are currently being accepted for SCALL's two chapter service awards. The Rohan Chapter Service Award is given to an individual member (or members) in recognition of outstanding service to SCALL. The Vendor Appreciation Award is given to a vendor or vendor representative for outstanding service to SCALL.

Nominations should include the name of the nominee, his or her affiliation, and a brief description of the service to be recognized. Award winners will be announced at the June Business Meeting.

Please submit your nominations for both awards to:

Laura Cadra
Chair, SCALL Awards Committee
UCLA Law Library
Box 951458
1106 Law Building
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1458





P R E S S R E L E A S E

Date: March 1, 2002

For Immediate Release:

To: California Law Library Associations and Cooperatives

Subject: Public Law Librarians Piloting Real-time Legal Reference Service on the Internet – Ask us questions during March 2002

Eleven public law libraries throughout California are participating in a pilot project to provide real time legal reference service via the Internet. Law librarians will be chatting on-line with generalist librarians who are fielding law-related questions and guiding the librarian's and/or patron's browser the best resources on the Internet with collaborative browsing. Susan McGlamery at the Metropolitan Cooperative Library System, and Shirley David for the Council of California County Law Librarians are coordinating the project, supported by an LSTA grant.

Each public law library has agreed to staff the reference service at least two hours per week and the current schedule includes more than 40 hours of real time reference assistance. During March we invite librarians to ask questions so that we can sharpen our skills and develop scripts for frequently asked law-related questions. Direct your browser at www.247ref.org/asklib/law.html. Law Librarians are scheduled primarily from Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. On Monday's from 7:00-8:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. there may also be law librarian's staffing the service. There are some gaps in the staffing so try again if you don't reach us the first time.

On March 25 and throughout April, the pilot will go live. Participants will be fielding law related reference questions received through the icons of participating libraries of the 24/7 reference service of the Metropolitan Cooperative Library System in Southern California and the Q&A café of the Golden Gateway Library Network in northern California.

The pilot will be evaluated in May to determine if the public law librarians will continue to serve as legal reference experts for the library systems. They may also decide to expand access by adding icons to the service on public law library web sites.

Participating libraries are: Bernard E. Witkin California State Law Library, Butte County Public Law Library, Fresno County Law Library, Kern County Law Library, Los Angeles County Law Library, Orange County Public Law Library, Placer County Law Library, Riverside County Law Library, Sacramento County Public Law Library, San Diego County Public Law Library, San Francisco Law Library.

For more information contact: Shirley H. David, Sacramento County Public Law Library, sdavid@saclaw.lib.ca.us



Getting to Know You: *June MacLeod*

by Margot McLaren
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June MacLeod was born in Mesa, Arizona. One of her fondest memories as a child was living in Alaska while her father was stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage. *"We would always be outdoors so we would not get cabin fever. I can still remember the freshness of the air and the sound of the water cascading over the rocks where were fishing. It was so cold that we built a huge igloo in our front yard".*

June MacLeod recently joined the Thomas Jefferson School of Law Library as a Electronic Resources Reference Librarian. Prior to joining the staff at Thomas Jefferson School of Law, she held the position of Library Services Manager at Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich LLP law firm for over 28 years. She earned her B.A. in English literature with a minor in social studies (1971) at the University of California, Riverside and her MLS (1972) at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

When asked what made her pursue a career in law librarianship, she confided: *"I had planned to become a teacher, but in the early 1970's, there was no job market for teachers. My parents advised me to apply to graduate school to become a librarian. My mother and father were my inspiration and my mentors as they supported me in all my endeavors and actively supported me in my professional career".*

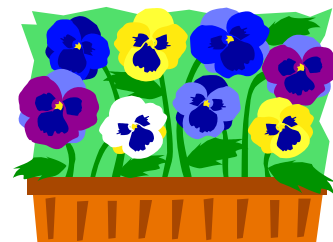
June has encountered many changes and challenges during her career as a certified law librarian. *"When I started working at the law firm, I was one of only a few professional women on staff. Further, I was very young, having completed my college program much earlier than my classmates. Although the term 'glass ceiling' didn't exist in those days, I was determined to prove to the highly elite attorneys of the firm that I was a professional and should be considered as such. With a humanities background, I was able to answer a multitude of questions on a variety of subjects and I insisted on providing thorough and comprehensive research. I was pro-active in letting the attorneys know that I was on their side, willing and*

able to assist them. I also encouraged them to think of the library as a safe haven from the phones and the stress. My parents suggested (and often contributed to) a candy bowl that we kept filled with sweets and we decorated the library for the various holidays. This became a great marketing device for the library!"

Another experience that June encountered equally as challenging was when she and her staff brought computers into the library and created accounts with various online research databases. Before PCs existed, she asked for computerization, but was met with criticism. Fortunately, with the support of the manager in the IS department, she was able to get a PC and printer in her office and was able to subscribe to various online services (such as Infomaster, CDB Infotek, Prentice-Hall Online, etc.).

June keeps highly active by participating in a number of professional organizations including AALL, SANDALL, SCALL, SLA, ALA and PLL. Other notable services included serving as chairs or co-chairs of various committees of these organizations (including serving as chair of Speakers Committee for a few SCALL Institutes and speaking at the Institute), serving on the AALL Task Force on the Value of Law Libraries which created the Law Librarians: Making Information Work toolkit, serving as the co-chair of the Standards of Competencies Committees of PLL which has now become a task force, and serving on the editorial board of Practice Innovations. Also, June founded the predecessor of SANDALL in the early 1970s and served as the chair when SANDALL became more formalized from 1991-1993.

When June is not immersed in her career and professional activities, she enjoys gardening, writing, participating in various church events, and public speaking. Her advice to new SCALL members: *"Conduct yourself in a professional, reputable manner, provide strong support to your department, co-workers and patrons and, yet, still manage to enjoy your work and the people for whom and with whom your work".*





A Corporate Computer Lab: Hybrid of the Future?

*By Amy Hale-Janeke, Reference Librarian
San Diego County Public Law Library*

The San Diego County Public Law Library (SDCPLL) needed a computer lab, but did not have the funding to set one up. So some of the senior managers at SDCPLL got creative and came up with a great solution- a hybrid lab sponsored by West Group.

The managers proposed the idea to the West Group last fall and West Group proved receptive to the idea. West Group donated about \$10,000 worth of computer equipment and furniture at the end of the year. The gift includes 8 laptop computers, 3 laser printers, 4 LAN drops, a hub, and computer tables and chairs. The gift was used to set up a computer lab at the SDCPLL's Main library and a smaller lab at the SDCPLL North County Branch.

In return for this generous gift, West Group is able to have access to two rent-free training facilities for their subscribers for an indefinite period. Additionally, West Group is able to post promotional materials in the labs. SDCPLL benefits as they now have two computer labs and are able to use the labs to offer classes to their members and to the public in specialized legal information searching on the Internet.

SDCPLL's Information Services department worked with West Group's technical support professionals to make sure that all the software on the machines was compatible with SDCPLL's system. While there are still some bugs to be worked out, the lab at SDCPLL's Main location is up and running. The computer lab at the North County Branch in Vista was expected to be up and running in early March.

Once the lab at the Main location was set up, West simply closed its downtown San Diego training center and relocated it to the down-

town location of the San Diego County Public Law Library. West Group plans to open and operate a smaller training lab at the Public Law Library's North County Branch in Vista in March.

A master schedule for the lab is kept at the Access Services desk of SDCPLL and about once a month the West representative sends out an e-mail listing the training dates. Those dates are noted on the schedule and then all activities in the lab are scheduled around those dates. West subscribers sign up for West training sessions by either logging on to: www.westlawsandiego.com or by calling 1-800-544-5330.

This kind of collaboration is not unique to the San Diego County Public Law Library. The Sacramento County Public Law Library has a similar arrangement with Lexis.

Back in 2001, Lexis made a combined gift of equipment and money worth \$55,000 to the Sacramento Law Library to set up a computer lab. According to Coral Henning, Reference/Computer Services Librarian at the Sacramento County Law Library, the lab took about one month of full time work by the Sacramento Law Library's Information Services department to get the lab up and running. "They had to configure computers, lock the systems down, and make sure everything was compatible with everything else," said Henning.

In return for the gift, Lexis is entitled to use the lab exclusively for one day a week for three years. This partnership came about after Lexis did a cost/benefit analysis of what it cost to maintain a training center in a facility in downtown Sacramento that did not receive full-time usage and compared it to what it would cost to set up a facility inside the Sacramento County Law Library. The numbers revealed that it would be better for Lexis financially to make the move.

The lab has been up and running for more than a year and seems to be working benefi-

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Recollections of a Past President...

Pamela L. Hall, 1974-75

During 1974-75 not everything was good about the "good old days". The Watergate scandal was unfolding and President Nixon would resign. The oil embargo forced us to search for the rare open gasoline station and then wait in around-the-block lines for 2 hours for a tank of gas. Word processing was done on a typewriter and PCs had yet to make their debut. Although both Microsoft Corporation and Apple Corporation began that year, we would only feel the impact of these two companies years later. The Internet was in its infancy and wouldn't be called the Internet for another eight years. Catalogs were still on cards in most places and on huge computer print-outs in large research libraries. Casual Fridays didn't exist but women were able to wear pants to work for the first time.

All the while, law libraries were changing. Photocopy machines were here to stay and, with the fledgling Lexis-Nexis and Westlaw, we were introduced to electronic libraries. Both Westlaw and Lexis had very small databases at first. We were promised that these electronic resources would grow--and grow they did! The only desktop access to information we had was when we carried books to our desks and used them there, so everyone visited the library to use both print and electronic resources. Law libraries were busy places.

Meanwhile, five times each year, law librarians in the area would gather for a SCALL dinner/business meeting and a guest speaker. Based on today's standards, SCALL members were a small but close-knit group. It wasn't difficult to know most of the law librarians in the area. Before e-mail and the Internet, getting to know other law librarians was important to us for the exchange of information it provided. Getting timely information by snail mail was always a great effort. It was helpful to call upon law librarians whom we knew from SCALL and AALL meetings to help us meet the challenges.

SCALL struggled with the difficulties of communication. Members spent countless hours compiling, typing and mailing newsletters and membership directories. Placement was always an issue. In order to connect employers with law librarians, we needed to find ways of making ourselves known to both law librarians and their prospective employers. It was no simple task.

Law librarians were a mix of people - some with double MLS and JD degrees and others who had just been put in charge of a library collection without any training. We worked to meet the continuing educational needs of our diverse membership. The fledgling 3rd Annual SCALL Institute was a means of meeting some of those needs. That year it was held in Anaheim with the hope that the location would make it accessible to all, even with the increased gasoline prices after the oil embargo. The Institute was a success with a whopping 140 people taking part!

Another educational opportunity right in our back yard that year was the AALL annual meeting that was being held in Los Angeles. SCALL members were busy planning and preparing the venue.

Looking back on my year as president brings to mind many things. Some aspects of the job were difficult but almost all aspects were rewarding. The president who preceded me was Marie Wallace whose enthusiasm for the profession was contagious. She is still writing about law libraries 27 years later. The president-elect in 1974-75 was a young fellow named Albert Brecht who was just starting his career at USC Law Library. He was obviously a rising star. I wonder what ever happened to him...

With people like these, and many others, leading SCALL both before and after me, I can only say that it was an honor to be included among them.



Alan Holoch

Past President 1980-1981

Alan Holoch served as the 1980/81 President for SCALL. He referred to his term as one of experimentation and exploration. During his tenure as SCALL President, Alan established an Area Meeting Program in which three Area Coordinators representing law librarians in the Downtown Area, the West Side Area and in Academia, held informal meetings throughout the year which focused on topics of special concern and mutual interest to the members of their particular area group. In addition, Alan established a Special Committee for Law Librarian Consulting for Non Law Libraries and explored ways to make SCALL more visible in the local law community. I had the privilege of working with Alan both on the SCALL Board and at the USC Law Library. Alan left USC to further his career first as the Director of the Villanova University School of Law Library and then as the Director of Ohio State University Law Library. During that time he was highly active in professional activities including serving as Treasurer on the AALL Executive Board. In 1991 Alan died; to those of us whose lives he touched, we will long remember and treasure Alan.

I could not let Alan's infamous Awet and wild@ SCALL Institute of 1980 go unmentioned. Alan selected the Hilton Riviera Hotel in Palm Springs as the location for the Institute and anticipated a pool side reception in the hot, dry climate of the desert terrain. One of his concerns was that registrants would chose to spend more time sun bathing, possibly with insufficient sun screen, rather than attend the full meeting. Alan expanded the scope of the Institute beyond a strict California bias and selected taxation and tax research. Speakers included a tax expert from the USC Law School, the Southern California Director of the IRS, and the Chief Consultant to the California Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation. As an added bonus, Francis Gates, incoming AALL President, was slotted as the luncheon special guest speaker who would offer remarks on his goals for the national association.

But the best laid plans of mice and men can sometimes go awry. On February 15 and 16, 1980, the dates of the Institute, southern California experienced two days of highly unusual weather - it poured rain. Not just ordinary rain, but torrential rains plagued all of southern California during the entire Institute. Registrants who did not get to Palm Springs by early afternoon on Friday were unable to attend the Institute as the narrow highway connecting the interstate to the main street of Palm Springs had flooded out and was closed off to traffic. What happened to one of the exhibitors at the Institute, Dick Spinelli, currently with the William S. Hein & Co., Inc. but at the time with Rothman, is typical of what others experienced. Dick flew into town and hired a van to take him from the airport to the hotel. His driver had never seen rain like this before. To quote Dick, *AHe drove like a bat out of hell only to stall out the engine at every block as he splashed through the high puddles at every curbside.*@ To make matters worse, the luggage was in an open carrier attached to the van which resulted in soaking wet clothes for those unfortunate ones who only packed garment bags. The hotel roof sprung leaks which poured water sporadically through out the reception area, lobby, exhibitors' hall and even in guest rooms. Carpeting in guest rooms and the perimeter of the Exhibit Hall was soaked and people either squished about as they attempted to walk around or listened to the constant drip, drip, drip of water filling up trash cans. There was so much rain that the canopies over the walkways filled with water and collapsed. To top it all off, menus had been planned with an expectation of warm, sunny days. The cold salads, cold soups and ice cream for dessert brought shivers as attendees sat in the cold dining room with a leaking ceiling listening to howling winds and the sound of pounding rain on pavement. So much for drinks pool side. Any other Institute chair faced with this disaster would have had good reason to sit down and cry. But Alan made us all see the ridiculousness of the situation and those of us who attended his Institute remember how hilarious it was and how much we learned, laughed and enjoyed ourselves.



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cially for all involved. Scheduling at the Sacramento Law Library is handled similarly to the scheduling at the San Diego Public Law Library- the representatives publish their own training schedule separately and plan events independently. All that is required of the law libraries is to keep the lab space free on the agreed-to dates.

For those libraries interested in setting up these kinds of partnerships, the following checklist may be helpful:

1. Contact your local representative for Lexis or West Group and ask if there is a training facility near your library. If so, ask how often it is used and what the costs are to keep it running.
2. Put together a proposal outlining why it would be in West Group or Lexis' best interests to fund a computer training lab in your library (cost/benefit analysis, accessibility, etc). Get approval from your directors and/or boards.
3. Approach and present the proposal to your regional representative, noting that such collaborations have been successful in the past (feel free to use this article for a source).

For more information about these programs, feel free to contact the author at 619-531-4437, ahale@sdcll.org, or contact Coral Henning at 916-874-7427, chenning@saclaw.lib.ca.us.



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Friday evening concluded with a buffet dinner and some Jazz at the Meadows Restaurant and Bar.

On Saturday morning we heard from Eve Hill on Disability Discrimination in the Workplace. Some of us had seen Ms Hill at the SCALL fall meeting where she spoke more generally about the Western Law Center for Disability Rights. Ms Hill was every bit as enjoyable as she spoke about the tough topic of disability discrimination as she had been in October.

Next speaker was Monique Moffit who spoke about performance appraisals. Ms. Moffit's talk included tips on how to do performance appraisals, what to avoid in a performance appraisal, and the benefits of performance appraisals. She even included a personal anecdote or two to illustrate how performance appraisal can help productivity levels and be a positive experience for employee as well as employer. Many audience members also offered stories and helpful suggestions of what had worked for them in a difficult evaluation situation.

Our last two speakers were Robert Schulze and Hal Brown who shared the topic: Downsizing in the Workplace. Mr. Schulze began with the legal aspects of downsizing, which included general guidelines and laws that regulate downsizing. While downsizing can be an uncomfortable subject, Mr. Schulze was able to explain how a downsizing should be carried out, depending on the amount of change that will be taking place and over what period of time the changes will be occurring. Then Mr. Brown spoke about what to do if you have been downsized. He included tips about where to look for a new job and also advised not being afraid to take a temporary position.

Then we had a closing lunch, and guest speaker Barbara Bintliff, AALL President, spoke on the benefits of AALL membership.

And of course as always, the event was a great success in part do to generous support from vendors. Many thanks to Cornell Winston and everyone who was involved in planning, staffing, and speaking at the 30th Annual SCALL Institute.



Cornell Winston, Vice President

SCALL INSTITUTE 2002



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Inner City Youth Program

Another summer approaches, the 10th summer for SCALL's Inner City Youth Committee.

For those of you not familiar with our award-winning committee, (yes, we've won both the Rohan Award and AALL's Spirit of Law Librarianship award), we spend every spring contacting local inner city high schools, receiving applications, interviewing and training high school students to work in Los Angeles libraries

Most of these libraries are in law firms, but we've also used law schools, Los Angeles County Law Library, court libraries, and special libraries as host sites. SCALL helps us fund the students in the law schools and public law libraries, while the law firms pay the students themselves. The program has been a huge success. Some of our students have gone on to work in the firms or the libraries after the program is over, and most have gone on to higher education.

Every year, we encourage you to open up your libraries to our students; we always have more remarkable students than host sites. We also thank the firms and other sites which have been sites in the past.

This year, we are also asking SCALL members who would like to enrich their own lives to join the committee itself! We started out in 1992 with about 20 members. Currently, we are down to only 6, and we would love to have some new members.

As the one person who has been on the committee from the beginning, I can tell you it's been the most rewarding professional experience of my life: you feel that you are making a difference and giving back to the community. Talk to some of our other members, or our previous interns, and you will hear the same story. I encourage you to join! Without your help, this program can't continue to do its good work.

If you are interested in joining the committee or providing a host site, (or both!) contact Arlene Junior at (213) 612-7822, ajunior@nossaman.com or Brian Keefe, at (213) 633-6800, briankeefe@dw.com.

We'd love to have you.

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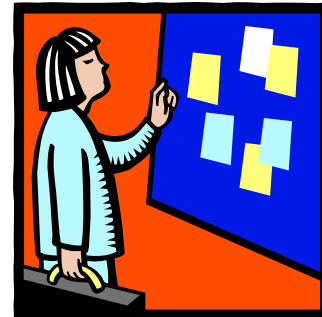
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New Edition of Locating the Law

SCALL's Public Access to Legal Information Committee is proud to announce the publication of the 4th edition of *Locating the Law: A Handbook for Non-Law librarians*. The PALI Committee undertook this revision beginning in 1999-2000. The most significant improvement over the 3rd edition (1995) is the addition of numerous websites and hyperlinks for locating both primary and secondary sources.

Locating the Law is targeted primarily at public and academic librarians who maintain basic legal collections but have limited exposure to legal resources. Information is provided on how to conduct basic legal research, how to read legal citations, and the difference between legal research and legal advice. Basic legal sources are explained and tips on how to build a legal collection are offered. The book also contains annotated bibliographies for both California and federal law, as well as lists of legal publishers, county law libraries, and local law schools.

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