SCALL Institute: Exploring San Diego

By Sherry L. Leysen

If you have not been to San Diego recently (or ever), you have a lot to look forward to at our upcoming Institute! The following is a curated list of places to eat, things to do, and sights to see.

The historic Horton Grand Hotel is the venue and hotel for the 2017 SCALL Institute (March 3-4, 2017). Located in the bustling 16 square block Gaslamp Quarter, it is named for the area’s early landowner and city visionary Alonzo Horton. The Gaslamp has a colorful history: in the late 19th century, folks referred to the waterfront area as the “Stingaree” district (Wyatt Earp, gambling, and 71 saloons made for a very lively nightlife). Today, it is fun to people-watch from the many restaurants, and to walk the Gaslamp at night with its twinkling street lamps. This area is easy to explore (and a rental bike station is right next to the hotel), but you may enjoy the Tin Fish Gaslamp (.4 walking) for fish tacos or Searsucker (.2 walking) which also has a late-night menu. For coffee and tea, try Pasadena-based Copa Vida on J Street in the East Village (.4 walking), located near Petco Park, the home of the San Diego Padres.

One area you must venture to is Little Italy (about 1.2-1.5 miles walking), described by my good friend as “48 square blocks of YUM!” For authentic Italian, try Filippi’s Pizza Grotto (1.3 walking). LA’s (and now OC’s) Café Gratitude (1.5 walking) has opened its first San Diego location in a great corner location on Kettner. Close by is the popular Herb & Wood for dinner, and the newly opened Herb & Eatery (café and market). In a modern/rustic two-story space is the popular Bracero Cocina with great service and Mexican food. Across the street from Bracero is Craft & Commerce with outdoor fire-pit-style seating. The Crack Shack (brought to you by Juniper and Ivy) serves “all day chicken and eggs” and judging by the line, people like it a lot. A description of San Diego would not be complete without mentioning its craft brewers. In Little Italy, you also will find a Ballast Point Tasting Room.

For a perfect place for larger groups to gather over coffee or a glass of wine, stop by Extraordinary Desserts (Union Street, .9 walking). The desserts here are

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Soon on the horizon is our 45th Annual SCALL Institute on March 3-4, 2017. It will be at the beautiful and historic Horton Grand Hotel in downtown San Diego. Vice President Ramon Barajas and his excellent team have crafted an incredibly timely program entitled ConLaw Conundrum: Constitutional Law & Challenges in Today’s Environment.

From the President

By Stefanie Frame

Hello all! I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday season! It was a treat to start the new year with our SCALL Holiday Party. It was held on January 12, 2017, at the Karl Strauss Brewing Company in downtown Los Angeles. Thanks to everyone who attended for the good company and conversation! Thank you to CEB for generously sponsoring this event, we greatly appreciate your continued support! I would also like to thank Bloomberg BNA for providing the door prize, and Westlaw and Lexis for providing giveaway prizes! Special thank you to the Programs Committee – Elyse, Sarah, and Maggie – for your excellent work and efforts!

The speakers and program provide a broad base of knowledge and experience, and I eagerly anticipate this Institute. I hope to see many of you there!
so beautiful and delicious with an equally impressive space to match.

The San Diego based Puesto is located at the Headquarters Seaport Village (.6 walking) not far from the waterfront and serves amazing tacos. Now an open-air shopping and dining plaza, this building is the former headquarters of the San Diego Police, complete with a restored cell jail block and lineup wall for photo ops. Further down the waterfront (1.0 mile walking from the hotel) is an impressive aircraft carrier, the USS Midway Museum. For fine dining with a view, stop by Coasterra on nearby Harbor Island (4 miles by car).

Be sure and make time for a visit to Coronado, Balboa Park, Old Town (Rose’s Tasting Room was recommended there), or La Jolla. Take the 15-minute ferry to Coronado Island ($4.75 each way) (but if you like heights and fear-inducing bridges, simply drive over the Coronado Bridge). Browse Coronado’s downtown district shops, stop by Tartine for lunch or the Hotel Del for brunch, or rent a bike at Holland’s. Balboa Park is 1,200 acres of museums, trails, gardens, the world-famous San Diego Zoo, and the Prado restaurant -- you could spend days here!

For more recreation, La Jolla is definitely worth a stop (about a 20 minute drive from the hotel). Head over to the Coast Walk Trail and stop by The Cave Store for access to the Jim Sea Cave ($5 for adults) along a 145-step tunnel. And you may as well get an ice cream at Bobboi (.4 walk from The Cave Store) while you are there. For some fantastic art and sculpture, stop by the UCSD campus to see the Stuart Collection, including Do Ho Su’s The Fallen Star.

San Diego has so much to offer – enjoy the SCALL Institute and happy exploring!

*With special thanks to my good friend CCB for her many recommendations.

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 scrapyMembers Gather to Celebrate the New Year
By Kelly M. Leong

On Thursday, January 12, 2017, many SCALL members gathered to celebrate the new year at the Karl Strauss Brewing Company located in Downtown Los Angeles on Wilshire Boulevard. Almost 50 local librarians attended and enjoyed samples of the Karl Strauss beer and were served an excellent dinner. Colleagues discussed their recent holiday adventures, the Chargers move to Los Angeles, the unusually wet weather, and their personal and professional plans for the coming year. While the evening was a joyful one, after dinner, SCALL President Stefanie Frame, led the group in a moment of silence to recognize the treasured librarian colleagues we lost in 2016.

A big thank you to CEB for sponsoring the event, which helped keep the attendance fee low for our members. The celebration came complete with prizes provided by our sponsors and distributed by the members of the Programs Committee. Lexis generously provided a substantial amount of swag including coveted Starbucks gift cards. Bloomberg Law provided a stunning coffee table book with pictures of beautiful libraries from around the world. The Lexis and Bloomberg Law gifts were raffled off to attendees. Westlaw provided water bottles for door prizes.

With the new year comes changes, as happens with all new beginnings. It was great to see colleagues and enjoy a casual dinner together. Many thanks to our Programs Committee, especially co-chairs Elyse Meyers (UCLA) and Sarah Joshi (CEB), and all of our sponsors for making the evening so enjoyable and giving us the opportunity to catch up with our peers. I look forward to seeing everyone in March at the SCALL Institute in San Diego. It will be a great opportunity to reconnect with our SCALL colleagues and to hear about what expected, and unexpected things have happened since the holiday party.

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Career Opportunities
By Don Buffaloe

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Don Buffaloe
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Membership News

By Judy K. Davis and Karen Skinner

Ryan Metheny has a new job title at the LA Law Library. As of January 1 he is Managing Librarian, Legal Education. He tells us that he will be overseeing all of the educational programs and events at the library (which this fiscal year will total around 300 public and MCLE classes, clinics and workshops at our Main and branch/partnership locations), with the help of the best public law library team ever.

As of January 1, Malinda Muller became the director of the newly reorganized and renamed Patron Services department at LA Law Library. Following the retirement of Ralph Stahlberg, Malinda now has oversight for the combined Patron Services department budget, the educational, reference, and clinical programming, Law Week and Pro Bono Week events, and the global law unit.

Welcome new members!
Patrick Lavey is Senior Cataloging Librarian with UCLA School of Law, Hugh and Hazel Darling Law Library.

Welcome new student members!
Mariana Newman is an Intern at the University of Washington Gallagher Law Library.

Welcome back, returning members!
Larry Zamora is Reference Librarian with Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck.

In Memoriam
Robert S. "Bob" Ryan, a Life Member of SCALL, served as a librarian at Hill, Farrer & Burrill LLP in Los Angeles, California, until his retirement in 2013. Ryan earned his JD from Albany Law School and promptly began a 40-year career as an attorney and an assistant Monmouth County Prosecutor, before becoming a law librarian. He passed away November 19, 2016 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Future Membership News
Any corrections, changes, or additions to your membership information, as well as any announcements for Membership News, should be sent to:

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Apply for a Grant to Attend AALL

It’s the middle of winter and I’m already looking forward to warmer days. How does Austin, Texas sound for warmer days? The theme of this year’s AALL Annual Meeting is “Forgo the Status Quo.” As a member of the Annual Meeting Program Committee, I can tell you that we have a great lineup and many programs that will get you thinking outside the box. If you’re interested in attending, but have financial constraints, please consider applying for a SCALL grant. The Grants Committee will consider all applications. Please know that all grant recipients will be expected to write an article for the SCALL Newsletter related to their attendance at the Annual Meeting (e.g., summary of a program session, experience as a first-time attendee, review of a new vendor product). The grant application is available on SCALL’s website.

To ensure plenty of time to register and book your accommodations, we’re requesting all grant applications for the Annual Meeting be submitted by April 7th. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact me.

Cindy Guyer
SCALL Grants Committee Chair
Welcome to 2017! Once again, the SCALL Newsletter is here to share some of our members’ New Year’s resolutions and provide a little help with your own. Whether you have made a big list of resolutions and you’re diligently working to keep them, or you didn’t quite get around to resolving anything, this article will provide you with some fun, helpful, and hopefully entertaining ways to start off the New Year.

First, let’s take a look at what some of our colleagues have decided to do this year. Christine Langteau of the LA Law Library has three goals in particular. She wants to be more appreciative and mindful, she would like to get serious about cleaning out her house and garage, and finally, she plans to engage in more creative pursuits.

Malinda Muller of the LA Law Library also has a creative New Year’s resolution: She is going to do something in the functional (as opposed to fine) arts. And guess what? She’s already off to a fantastic start! Malinda has begun a ten-week shop course in woodworking. She plans to make a ten-inch bowl of mahogany, maple and walnut. Best of all, Malinda! I hope we can post a photo of it when you finish! And if Malinda and Christine have inspired you to create something too, I know a certain newsletter that wouldn’t mind an extra article here and there…

Jenny Lilge of Legislative Intent Service plans to clean her office, but not in the typical sense. Her office prides itself on being paperless, so she will be eradicating the last few paper files that are still hiding in the corners. Having seen a couple of paperless offices, I’m impressed!

Jim Sherman tells us that his primary goal of this year and every year is to give up sobriety. We wish him luck with that, and I bet we could find a few SCALL members who are willing to help him in that endeavor! His other goals are to be less lazy about cleaning his house, and to continue cycling. What a great balance of fun, healthy and practical goals. I hope we have a beautiful spring so that Jim can get outside and work on that cycling soon!

I hadn’t realized that SCALL has so many athletes until I started writing this article. Melody Lembke of UCI also plans to exercise more, and Lisa Junghahn of UCI has shared that she and her wife have resolved to take tennis lessons to help them learn how to serve. Lisa also has a professional goal, which is to finish an article on best practices for improving LLM confidence and motivation for learning. If any SCALL colleagues have advice or would like to co-write with her, she would love to hear from you!

Amy Atchison of UCI informs us that on the advice of the AALL Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, she has resolved to clean up AALL’s bylaws. She anticipates that the corrections will be mostly cosmetic, so hopefully it won’t be too daunting! And on behalf of her youngest daughter, Amy resolves to read the Harry Potter series and then watch all of the movies with her.

Finally, Cindy Guyer of USC says that her resolution for 2017 is to keep hope alive in her mind and heart. She knows she will encounter challenges this year like adjusting to new job responsibilities, having her kitchen remodeled, watching her son become a teenager, and dealing with budget cuts at work—just to name a few. Added to those may be some new challenges to the principles of democracy and equality that underlie our country. Cindy has resolved that if she ever feels like giving up, becoming depressed, or worrying about bleak outcomes, she will steer herself toward hope.

Have our members’ resolutions inspired you to set some of your own goals for the coming year? Hopefully so. If you still need a little more motivation to start working on them, then read on. The following short bibliography may help support your new resolutions. At the very least, they will provide some

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entertaining reading!

Mystie Winckler, *Paperless Home Organization: How to Create a Digital Home Management Binder*, Kindle Edition (of course!) 2013. Whether you would truly like to try going paperless this year, or you’d just like to be a little more organized, this e-book provides lots of detailed suggestions for setting up a digital home management system. Who knows—if it works, you could try it in the office next year!

Michael Matthews, *Thinner Leaner Stronger: The Simple Science of Building the Ultimate Female Body; Bigger Leaner Stronger: The Simple Science of Building the Ultimate Male Body*, 2015. These are actually two books, so choose the one that works for you. Readers report great success when following Matthews’s program, so if one of your goals this year is to get in better shape, these books might be a great place to start.

Lonely Planet, *Epic Bike Rides of the World*, 2016. Whether you want to cycle more, or you just love to look at beautiful pictures of interesting places, this book has something for you. Lonely Planet provides descriptions and photos of 200 bike rides, ranging from U.S. city paths, to country roads in Europe, to remote journeys like Patagonia and Mongolia. Pick this up and get inspired to hit the road!

Melissa Fleming, *A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea: One Refugee's Incredible Story of Love, Loss, and Survival*, 2017. If you need a little encouragement to bolster your hope these days, check out the journey of Doaa Al Zamel, a young woman who fled Syria to Egypt and eventually Europe in search of a better life during Arab Spring. Even when she found herself adrift at sea for four days with two little girls clinging to her and only a child’s inflatable float for support, she still refused to give up. Doaa’s strength and relentless hope can inspire us all.

Jancis Robinson, *24-Hour Wine Expert*, 2016. If you have resolved to drink more and better wine this year—or was that just me? —this book is worth your time. Author Jancis Robinson, respected wine critic and writer, believes that anyone can learn all the important aspects of wine in just one day. This approachable explanation will teach you how to buy wine, understand and interpret the differences in color and aroma, pair wine with food, and understand all that mysterious information on the label. Cheers!

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For years, it seems people have been giving us librarians the same career advice. With so many changes occurring in our profession, well-intentioned industry watchers have been telling us to “think outside the box” when it comes to our careers and longevity. With title changes, shifting responsibilities, technological advances, I sometimes think librarians have had more reinventions than Madonna has. Let’s just be honest shall we? It’s 2017 and high time for the clichéd job guidance to go. My friends, the box is dead.

I have seen so much change in my over 20 years in this profession. Yet, despite my own varied experiences, I have answered one question consistently with the same response. When people ask me what I do, I have always kept my riposte direct and simple. “I am a librarian,” I say with pride and gusto. Truth be told, however, I have not always been what you might consider your typical librarian—at least not when it comes to how and where I work. That’s right, I have what you might call a history outside the box. I have long believed that the key to keeping our profession vital and vibrant is to keep an eye out for opportunities we may never have even considered in the past.

During my first non-library-librarian stint, as a customer relations manager for what was then Thomson West, I was interviewed for the Special Library Association’s Information Outlook magazine. It was 11 years ago, during that Q & A when I uttered a statement that has guided my career to this day. The interviewer based his entire profile of me around my affirmation, “I am and always will be a librarian.” Now mind you, I said that during a discussion in which I talked about the changing roles of law librarians and my own decision to go over to what many told me was the “dark side.” Well, dark side be damned. It is over a decade later and, though I did return to the more traditional law firm library world for another long stint, I am once again back in vendorland. Suffice it to say that my belief in keeping my prospects open has served me well.

Let us just look at the state of our profession today, shall we. Outside of the public realm and academia (which have faced their own struggles), corporate and law firm libraries are physically smaller than ever. What has not been replaced by digital and online access hardly requires the maintenance staff it once did when the stacks were at the height of their importance. Law firms are back-officeing, outsourcing, and reimagining their services at an increasing rate. Industry surveys now remind us annually that our employers are expecting to reduce their library expenses and staff year over year. This seems to have led many of our colleagues to two conclusions: that these are precarious times for law librarians and that we need to fight back within the confines of our firms. Both are perfectly adequate responses, the latter being a better prescription for facing our challenges than just accepting the stories of gloom and doom. But my own experience tells me that there is another approach all together. That’s right, leaving that proverbial box behind—transcending it.

It was almost a year ago now that I made one of the biggest job changes of my career. I had been with a wonderful firm for nearly a decade. As a national manager of research services, I had an amazing team of professionals that I watched contract over the years and a network of on-site libraries that had been shrinking even more rapidly. Despite the changes, we were flourishing. The workload was increasing heavily and diversifying in exciting ways. Our librarians were embedded and specialized and always on the lookout for new ways to demonstrate the value of our skills and services. For my part, I met every change and challenge by challenging my staff to look for new opportunities and to innovate. Always having done

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something – or even doing something well at the time – was never an excuse for not doing it differently and better going forward. In my heart, I knew that my own advice also included doing things in ways and from places we would never have considered at the time. I also knew full well that I was eventually going to have to take my own advice.

Flash forward to where I am now. As Senior Director of Research & Intelligence for LibSource – a LAC Group company, I am once again leading an awesome cadre of legal research professionals. Every one of us is a proud librarian – though none of us works in a library or even in a firm. Most of us have had significant in-firm experience and all of us now service a variety of firms doing everything from basic legal research to complex competitive intelligence. As head of the group, I see some of my primary duties including creating new and rewarding opportunities for my librarians and others like them, supporting their continuing education, and working to ensure that our clients only get the highest quality work product. If all of this sounds familiar (and it should), know that I am doing this for a team of professionals who work remotely, virtually, and collaboratively from their own homes and mobile “offices.”

I function just like my staff, working with them and with our clients in a virtual world of live streaming, e-mail, conference calls, and research management systems. If you had told me even five years ago that I would give up my office, my desktop, and my firm-issued phones, I would have told you that you were crazy. Had you suggested I use such a system in my firm, I probably would have escorted you from my office. What a difference time, opportunity, and, to some degree, necessity make. Oh, I still provide the exact same answer to the question of what I do, by the way. That at least has not changed.

I guess what I am getting at with all of this is that I understand what most of my colleagues seem to be saying these days. With all the challenges law firm librarians are facing these days, the future can indeed appear worrisome. We must be proactive, innovative, and forward thinking. One of the ways we can do that is to take the challenges head on within our firms and our libraries. Fight for every inch of that proverbial box and the real estate beyond it, as they say. But I also offer another possibility. Forget the box all together. Leave it behind if it already has not left you (or before it does so). Do not fear or overlook those opportunities that truly challenge your conception of what it means to be a librarian or to offer library services. There is no one single prescription that is going to work for every librarian or every firm. What’s important is that we see and share every opportunity during these times of change and transition.

I am as optimistic about the profession today as I was when I gave that interview back in 2006. There’s an evolution afoot and I am excited to see what comes next for us all. If there is one thing of which I am certain, it is that librarians are here to stay. We may fill vastly new and important roles and they may call us by other titles. They are going to call on us, however, and that is key. We have a future. It is the box that once confined us that is soon to be a thing of the past.

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A regular meeting of the SCALL Executive Board was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

Stefanie Frame, President
Ramon Barajas, Vice President
Joy Shoemaker, Treasurer
Christina Tsou, Board Member
Erik Y. Adams, Board Member

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the last session of the regular board meeting were presented for review.

Erik Y. Adams moved to approve the minutes, and Joy Shoemaker seconded. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report
Joy Shoemaker reported that most of the committee budgets stayed the same as last year. The IT Committee budget has gone down to $1,000 because the new website is complete. The Membership Committee requested $2,800 but their budget was left at $2,600 because that committee brings in income. The total budget is $42,750.00 which is less than last year because the website is finished. The current bank balance is $42,212.09 and PayPal balance is $500.00 for a total balance of $47,212.09.

Christina Tsou moved to approve the report, and Erik Y. Adams seconded.

Secretary’s Report
Christina Tsou filled in for Amber Kennedy Madole and reported that as of September 28, 2016, SCALL has a new mailing address. The new mailing address is: 5042 Wilshire Blvd. #970, Los Angeles, CA 90036. Notice of the new address change was emailed to the SCALL Board, SCALL Committee chairs, and the SCALL membership at large. The website and membership forms have also been updated with the new address.

Ramon Barajas moved to approve the report, and Joy Shoemaker seconded.

President’s Report
Stefanie Frame reported that Julie Pabarja (Chair of the Council of Chapter Presidents) informed her that AALL’s logo is being updated. Stefanie Frame will email the new logo to the Board and Committee Chairs.

Stefanie Frame attended the Chapter Summit on July 15, 2016 prior to the start of the AALL Meeting. The program engaged attendees to talk about “pain points” and getting more chapter members to get out in person. It was discussed that we should start sending personalized welcome emails to new members to inform them of SCALL committees and to provide links to the website and to invite them to get involved. Joy Shoemaker volunteered to make a list of new members from the last few newsletters so that Stefanie Frame could reach out them.

Stefanie Frame reported that she signed the contract for the location of the 2017 SCALL Institute to be held at the Horton Grand Hotel in San Diego on March 3, 2017 and March 4, 2017.

Erik Y. Adams moved to approve the report, and Christina Tsou seconded.

Vice President’s Report
Ramon Barajas shared the working draft of the 2017 SCALL Institute program, tentatively entitled “Constitutional Law: Challenges to the Current Changes in Law and Society.” Confirmed speakers include Erwin Chemerinsky (Keynote), Catherine Fisk, Kimberly West-Faulcon, Brian Hoffstadt, and David Cruz. The AALL VIP will be either Ron Wheeler or Greg Lambert.

It was discussed that perhaps a Library tour could be scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

All the Institute committee chairs are in place. Ramon Barajas asked for any questions to be sent in advance to Justice Hoffstadt for an outline/speaking points.

Joy Shoemaker moved to approve the report, and Erik Y. Adams seconded.

Committee Reports
All committee reports have been received and are considered submitted as filed with a few minor corrections.

Old Business
There was no old business to discuss.

New Business
Ramon Barajas suggested that since the SCALL website is now on a private server, we might want to consider running advertisements as a revenue stream. It was discussed that the SCALL newsletter might have more traffic and ads might be better served by staying there. Joy Shoemaker mentioned that the newsletter format might be changed to integrate into the website. Christina Tsou and Joy Shoemaker reported that they have an upcoming Newsletter Committee meeting where they will take a look at the advertising and options for integrating the newsletter into the website.

Erik Y. Adams reported that the Programs Committee would like to change their bylaws and strike out language about “ethnic food.” Adams will look into what it takes to amend committee bylaws and/or get in touch with the Bylaws Committee Chair, Amy Atchison.

Joy Shoemaker reported that Cindy Guyer, Chair of the Grants Committee, has set up a repository of previous grant recipients on the new SCALL website. The new SCALL website includes password-protected repository space so we should let the committees know that this feature is available to them. Stefanie Frame will send information to the committee chairs.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christina Tsou
Board Member, Secretary Pro Tem
Treasurer’s Report
By Joy Shoemaker

SCALL Balances

Bank Balance as of February 10, 2017  $51,518.09
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