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SCALL DINNER

DECEMBER 5, 1977

Library Room
Mark Twain's Notorious Jumping Frog
Saloon and Restaurant

Fondue Soup
Notoriously Raw Salad
Standing Rib
Quiche Lorraine

Mousse Chocolate
Strawberry Lemon

Champagne

Melville Nimmer
Professor, University of California at Los Angeles
Author of Nimmer on Copyright

"New Copyright Law and Related Issues"

Past Presidents Reminisce

Paul Burton
Stanley Pearce
Forrest Drummond

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SCALL
The original SCALL membership of 15, first meeting at USC, began what resulted in recognition as a local chapter of AALL at its 1953 annual meeting. This original group established the wide geographical parameters still with the group today: San Diego to San Luis Obispo and east to San Bernardino.

1953-1954 (Charles Armstrong, Frances Holbrook, Priscilla Rider)

1954-1955 (Frances Holbrook, Robert Lewis, James Tibbetts)

1955-1956 (Riley Burton, Else Richards, John Dudley Stephenson)

"For the first two years the chapter meeting place was rotated between the law libraries of the University of Southern California, the University of California at Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County Law Library and the firm of O'Melveny and Myers. After this experimental period a policy has been adopted of having the Los Angeles County Law Library as headquarters. Meetings are still held at the other libraries from time to time as occasion warrants. The central location of the County Library and its proximity to available places for dinner has made it the most convenient meeting place.

The chapter is currently engaged in a survey of the law library collections and facilities of the Southern California area.

It is expected that this project will result in a compilation of information about the participating libraries . . . " 49 Law Library Journal 209-210.

"The first year of SCALL as a chapter has been marked with signal success. Since the organization of the Association in December 1952, the membership has increased from fifteen to thirty-two.

On January 8, 1954 the Association met at the new building of the Los Angeles County Law Library where tours of inspection were conducted . . . " 47 Law Library Journal 310.

"SCALL met for dinner on October 8th at the Redwood House in Los Angeles . . . The group re-assembled in the Foreign Law Room of the Los Angeles County Law Library to hear Robert J. Faris discuss the British Museum Catalogue and to observe a demonstration conducted by William B. Stern which featured a wide variety of labor-saving 'gadgets and gimmicks' aimed at simplifying and improving office routine and library technical operations." 48 Law Library Journal 84.

"For the first time West Coast Law Libraries have received three student law librarians for one month's field work from the University of Washington Library School. The participating libraries are Los Angeles County Law Library, University of California at Los Angeles School of Law Library and Stanford University School of Law Library." 49 Law Library Journal 294.

"SCALL joined with local members of SLA in a reception for Miss Shirley Booth following her performance in the Desk Set at Carthay Circle Theater in Hollywood." 49 Law Library Journal 530.
1956-1957 (Robert Lewis, Stanley Hardy, Jerry Dye)

"Helen Hargrave, president of AALL, will address SCALL tomorrow night. Miss Hargrave who is assistant professor of law and law librarian of the University of Texas at Austin, will talk on the 'Purpose and Aims of AALL.' The dinner meeting is scheduled at the Gaylord Hotel." Metropolitan News, December 27, 1957.

"SCALL held its first meeting of the 1956-57 year on October 5th. Mr. Dudley Stephenson, newly appointed editor of the Law Library Journal discussed the general policies of the Journal. Mrs. Frances Holbrook and Mr. John Heckel summarized the recent Philadelphia convention." 50 Law Library Journal 48.

"SCALL at its November meeting, had the privilege of hearing Dr. Martha Boaz, Director, School of Library Science, University of Southern California. Dr. Boaz discussed the current trends in library education, with special emphasis on the problem of training for special library work, the possibility of special courses in such fields as law, and the question of cooperation between library schools and libraries. The subject of the December meeting was non-legal reference materials and their use in the law library. The program was presented by Messrs. Heckel and Armstrong. An annotated list of non-legal reference materials was distributed to members of the Association." 50 Law Library Journal 159-160.

1957-1958 (Charles Armstrong, George Smith, Muriel Merrell)

"Natural Resources and the West Basin Water Case will be the topic of an address by William De Martini before the dinner meeting of SCALL to be held at the Cafe de Paris in Hollywood." Los Angeles Daily Journal, March 6, 1958.

"SCALL will hear Stanley Pearce speak on an 'Analysis of the University of Southern California Symposium on Documentation' as specifically applied to the field of Law Library science, May 23, at the Blarney Castle Restaurant." Metropolitan News, May 13, 1958.

1958-1959 (George Smith, Muriel Merrell, John Heckel)

"Muriel Merrell has named John Heckel as Chairman of the Committee appointed to compile a Checklist on Sources of Legislative Intent. The newly formed committee is the direct outgrowth of the roundtable discussions conducted during the past four months by the law librarians on the existing and almost urgent need for a ready checklist of pre-statute material for both the layman as well as those already engaged in the legal profession. At the present time, no simple reference guide exists which will lead the general researcher back to the current Codes to their countless miscellaneous reference sources of bills, ordinances, their additions, changes, defects and death; to the City and County charters, administrative regulations and other similar media of information." Metropolitan News, September 29, 1959.

Dealer's discounts, sales tax problems and advance payments to government agencies will be the program subject of SCALL November 21, Muriel Merrell has announced. This discussion workshop will be conducted by staff members of the Los Angeles County Law Library and will follow a special tour of the Los Angeles Times." Metropolitan News, November 13, 1959.

"SCALL will hold a meeting, tour and dinner at the Eigiku restaurant. The tour will be of Parker and Son, publisher specialists in legal lithography and printing." Metropolitan News, September 24, 1959.
1959-1960 (Muriel Merrell, Stanley Pearce, Dorothy Heizer)


"A record attendance is expected at the UCLA Faculty Center, March 24, when Dr. Andrew Horn, noted authority on librarianship, savant, and lecturer, will speak before SCALL on the proposed UCLA Library School." Metropolitan News, March 15, 1960.

1960-1961 (William Stern, Dorothy Heizer, Agnes Montalto)

"Richard Hayden, Chairman of the Committee on Electric Data Retrieval of the ABA, will address the annual meeting of SCALL, May 27, at Julie's restaurant." Los Angeles Daily Journal, May 19, 1960.

"K. Howard Drake, Secretary and Librarian of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies of the University of London, will be the featured speaker at a SCALL dinner September 9, in the Banquet Room of Botwin's restaurant." Metropolitan News, September 8, 1960.

1961-1962 (William Stern, Dorothy Heizer, Myron Fink)

"A tour of the new State Bar building is one of the highlights of the meeting of SCALL, April 7. Following dinner at the new county Hall of Administration, James Sheppard, president of the State Bar of California, will speak on 'The State Bar in 1961.'" Los Angeles Daily Journal, April 4, 1961.


"Dr. Jorge Vivas, chief of reference services of the Congressional Library of the Argentine Republic and director of its Bulletin, will be the guest of SCALL at the UCLA Faculty Club, May 8th. Los Angeles Daily Journal, May 5, 1961.

"Four meetings were held during the Association year. An Institute on Law Library Problems attracted 53 registrants from various parts of the state of California." 55 Law Library Journal 168.

1962-1963 (Dorothy Heizer, Robert Faris, Helen Carey)

"Chris Gugas, internationally known authority on lie detectors, will speak on 'Crime and the Lie Detector - Personal Experiences' and he will demonstrate the use of the lie detector. Other items on the agenda of the May 11 meeting include a brief report on the vagaries of law library statistics and on literature concerning the Communist twisting of legal terms." Metropolitan News, May 11, 1962.

"An invitation extended by SCALL to the AALL, to hold the 1966 Convention in Los Angeles, was accepted. The Second Institute on Law Library Problems was held on April 5th. The theme was 'Law Library Sources and How Best to Use Them.'" 56 Law Library Journal 191.

"Sgt. Pat Shields of the Sheriff's Dept. will speak at a dinner meeting of SCALL at Freres Taix French restaurant on the topic of 'Forgery and Bunco Artists.'" Metropolitan News, February 20, 1963.
1963-1964 (Robert Faris, Phillip Wesley, Helen Carey)

"At the first meeting of the Association, Mr. Glen Dawson of Dawson's Book Shop gave an introduction to the Third California-International Antiquarian Book Fair. The Association members then toured the Fair which was held at the Ambassador Hotel. At the second meeting, Mr. David Mellinkoff, lecturer in law at the UCLA Law School and author of 'The Language of the Law', spoke on the topic, 'Dirty Hands and Uncut Pages, or Some Problems in Researching the Language of the Law.'" 57 Law Library Journal 188.

"Wiretapping and electronic surveillance, what they are and how to detect them, will be demonstrated on May 21, after the dinner meeting of SCALL at Frascatti Villa." Citizen-News, May 12, 1964.

1964-1965 (Phillip Wesley, Helen Carey, Bertha White)

"The first dinner meeting featured the Honorable Harold Boisvert, Commissioner of the Los Angeles Superior Court. At the second meeting, Dr. J.A.C. Grant, Professor of Political Science at UCLA, spoke on 'Early American Law Reporting'. For our third meeting, Mr. Louis Piacenza, president of AALL, verbally steered us through the shoals of his year at the helm. As I write this, a hard working committee is making final plans for the Third Institute on Law Library Problems to be held on April 9, at the UCLA School of Law. The day long session will feature Mr. Dan Henke on new reference tools, Mr. Seymour Lubetzky on the new catalog code and Mr. Stanley Pearce on the private law library. In addition, a representative of I.B.M. will give us an account of what is new in the computer industry." 58 Law Library Journal 210-211.

1965-1966 (Helen Carey, Bertha White, Richard Rank)

"At the final meeting of 1965, Dean Lloyd Tevis of Loyola University Law School spoke on the historical background of Loyola. Before dinner, the members toured the new Law School Building. At the first dinner meeting, the Honorable Otto Kaus spoke on a 'Judge and His Books.' The second meeting was held in December at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Piacenza. These delightful people and superb hosts arranged the meeting as a pre-Christmas party. At the third meeting, Mr. Forrest Drummond, Local Arrangements Chairman of the AALL Convention, gave an outline of the program and other activities. The membership of SCALL has been constantly expanding, greater than ever before." 59 Law Library Journal 256.

1966-1967 (Bertha White, Lois Steinman, Magdalene O'Rourke)

The 59th annual meeting of the AALL was held at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles July 3-7, 1966. Forrest Drummond was in charge of arrangements for committees and William Stern was Professional Program Chairman. The Ambassador Hotel was named the "Disneyland of Wilshire Boulevard". Mayor Sam Yorty gave a message of welcome; there was a tour of the Los Angeles County Law Library, a banquet at the famous Coconut Grove, and a visit to Disneyland in Anaheim." 59 Law Library Journal 378.

1967-1968 (Bertha White, Stanley Pearce, Bertha Dorsey)

"The first meeting featured Dr. Seymour Lubetzky. ... who spoke on the ALA catalog code. Several members attended the Law Classification Workshop on Class K Law, held on February 15 at the Los Angeles County Law Library. The meeting early in April will have AALL President Bill Murphy as honored guest." 61 Law Library Journal 205-206.
1968-1969 (Stanley Pearce, Helen Alexander, Logan Fulrath)

"Thomas A. Robinson of the UCLA Law Review staff was the speaker at the first meeting... and delivered a talk dealing with the ramifications of computerization in the area of privacy. The second meeting featured a tour of the O'Melveny & Myers law library. The O'Melveny & Myers firm has recently taken up occupancy of the top five floors of the new Crocker-Citizens Plaza, now the tallest building in Los Angeles. The meeting of February 7, 1969, included a discussion concerning professional labor unions and employee associations in law libraries." 62 Law Library Journal 254.

1969-1970 (Helen Alexander, Logan Fulrath, Irwin G. Manley)

"Speakers at dinner meetings included: Harriet Genung, Mt. San Antonio College librarian, who spoke on training for library technicians; Mrs. Norma G. Zarky, who described her work as a volunteer attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union; and William B. Stern, one of our members, who spoke to us as president of the AALL. Highlights of the year were the publication of a newsletter, the preparation of a directory, a luncheon meeting in San Diego with the San Diego contingent as hosts, and the selection of Los Angeles as the site of the 1975 AALL convention. The chapter voted to assess annual dues starting in July." 63 Law Library Journal 402.

1970-1971 (Logan Fulrath, Irwin Manley, Bertha Dorsey)


1971-1972 (Irwin G. Manley, Bertha Dorsey, A. Paul Harris)

"Speakers at three of the meetings were: Mrs. Rachel Wiggins, executive director, Washington Service Bureau; Mr. Enrique Bin, Los Angeles attorney, and Mrs. Viola A. Bird. Mr. Bin was an attorney in Cuba prior to the Castro regime. Mrs. Bird, University of Washington Law Library, spoke to us as president of AALL.

At the fourth meeting, the Los Angeles law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher hosted our social hour. Following the dinner, the members toured the new library of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher." 65 Law Library Journal 307.
1972-1973 (Bertha Dorsey, Marie Wallace, Vernon Ford)

"The December 8 meeting was at the USC Law Center. Francis Gates arranged a tour of their library. San Diego was the scene on February 3, 1973 of the first SCALL Institute on California Law, held in conjunction with the Western-Pacific Chapter. Mary Oliver, AALL president, was our guest. On April 5, 1973, we were at Town and Gown at USC for a joint meeting with the Medical Library Group, which included a panel on medical malpractice." 66 Law Library Journal 349.

"The Los Angeles law firm librarians' section reported that they have begun periodic meetings to discuss law library systems and procedures unique to law firms." Metropolitan News, October 16, 1972.


"The second Annual Institute on California Law, on practice and procedure in the California court system was held in San Francisco. To meet the growing number of requests from private law firms for help with their library situations, a consulting committee was formed, with Stanley Pearce as chairman. The committee drafted a program and provided free consulting service to over 35 firms . . . . A sound fiscal situation made scholarships to AALL conventions and institutes feasible.


1974-1975 (Pamela Hall, Albert Brecht, Frederica Sedgwick)

"February found the association in Anaheim for its Third Annual Institute on California law; it was honored to have Jane Hammond as its guest. Committees were busy during this year, a membership directory was assembled, guidelines were established for SCALL's financial development, eleven members were awarded grants to the SCALL Institute and AALL Convention, and the association's constitution was comprehensively revised." 68 Law Library Journal 351-352.

1975-1976 (Albert Brecht, Frederica Sedgwick, Mary Anne Donaldson, Peter Enyingi)

"February found SCALL in Sacramento for its Fourth Annual Institute on California Law. Appropriately, in our State capitol, the theme was California legislation. Jack Ellenberger spoke to a group of 140 attending the Institute. The Grants Committee awarded five travel assistance grants to the Institute and one grant to the AALL Convention in Boston. The membership voted to experiment with a separate chapter exchange list and evaluate its usefulness." 69 Law Library Journal 410.
1976-1977 (Frederica Sedgwick, Earl Borgeson, Connie Nyhan, Bobbie Johnson)

SCALL's April 22 meeting was held in Orange County at the Saddleback Inn where the Association heard Ron Miller discuss the creation and organization of CLASS. The Fifth Annual Institute on California Law was held at the Hotel del Coronado in Coronado. This year's theme was California codes and codification. SCALL's winter meeting, held at the Villa Taxco, heard Dr. Carl Christol, from the University of Southern California, speak on space law.

1977-78 (Earl Borgeson, Mary Anne Donaldson, Vicki Oppenheim, Tory Trotta)

This year's first meeting was opened with a garden party at the new Otani Hotel. The evening's guest speaker was J. Myron Jacobstein who discussed the proposed AALL Code of Ethics.

Tonight's celebration was inspired and supported by our current president. Best of birthdays to everyone.

1978-1979 (President elect, Mary Anne Donaldson)

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Diane Dillon
Linda Schulte
Monica Caulfield

Florence Mace
Ann Lawrence

Robert Work, Publisher, Los Angeles Daily Journal and long time friend of SCALL