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## Message from the Chair Priscilla Stephenson

The Atlanta meeting was a great experience, and our thanks go to the meeting planners for making it such a success. Sandra Franklin coordinated the planning with the aid of Jocelyn Rankin and Cynthia Henderson - and a host of others, both in Atlanta and elsewhere. Coordinating the leadership of two chapters in planning the meeting meant that each sub-committee had representation from both Southern and Mid-Atlantic Chapters, and we were all conscious of the need to cooperate on everything (and compromise on occasion). The result was well worth it, and participants heard an outstanding array of invited speakers, instructors, and contributed papers and posters. I hope every attendee took back at least one new idea that you have already begun to adapt for your own setting.

Another comment on the Atlanta meeting was the pleasure of meeting so many young new members. They presented papers and posters, participated in discussions, and volunteered for committee assignments. Their energy was infectious, and I am so excited to see them involved.

While we had terrific attendance, there remain a large number of our sustaining members that seldom attend these annual meetings. I hope you have taken the time to examine the results of our August survey (http://www. scmla.org/2006survey.htm). We heard from 78 of our members, and while much of the survey was designed to elicit suggestions for chapter communications and meeting content, we also asked some basic questions about the membership. For me the most surprising result was that nearly 22 percent of the respondents had not attended any of our past 5 meetings! Their continued support speaks well of their professionalism and reminds us all of the power of our association. Southern Chapter membership gives each of us a larger voice when needed, as well as providing us with a wider view beyond the walls of our local libraries. December is the month those membership renewals are due, and I urge you to recruit your colleagues to join with us.

The 2006-2007 committees are well underway, but a few vacancies remain. Contact me directly if you wish to volunteer. It is generally through committee involvement that you will come to appreciate the real benefits of your Southern Chapter membership, to meet people, and to develop those networking relationships that mean so much to us.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve as your Chair. Wishing everyone the best for 2007!

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## Around the South: News from Our Regional Libraries

# ALABAMA



# Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

UAB opened a state-of-the-art Patient Resource Library on the second floor of the Kirklin Clinic on November 1, 2006. The library will be staffed with the assistance of the Lister Hill Library. UAB's press release stated "Kirklin Clinic and the UAB Lister Hill Library for Health Sciences all provided leadership in developing the Patient Resource Library.

Funding from a two-year Protective Life Clinical Initiative Award helped make it a reality."

In other news Lister Hill Library's **Kay Hogan Smith** has been promoted to Community Services Librarian. Congratulations to Kay!

## Health Sciences Library, The University Of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

Dr. Martha A. Ralls has recently joined the faculty of The University of Alabama Health Sciences Library as the new Clinical Information Librarian/Assistant Professor. Dr. Ralls graduated from the University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies with her MLIS in August 2006. In addition, she holds a Doctor of Pharmacy degree (Pharm.D., 1992) from the Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy and a Doctor of Medicine degree (M.D., 2001) from The University of Alabama School of Medicine. She also has previous teaching experience as Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Samford University. One of Martha's roles will be to investigate and develop methods of integrating reference information into the electronic medical record. Martha can be reached at 205-348-1361 or maralls@cchs.ua.edu. The Health Sciences Library serves The University of Alabama School of Medicine Branch Campus in Tuscaloosa.

# FLORIDA



## Baptist Health, Jacksonville, FL

**Susan McCullough**, Manager of Library Services, attended the SC/MAC MLA Joint Conference in Atlanta, where she and Diane R. LaRochelle, in Clinical Nursing Research at Baptist Health, presented a paper on "Transforming Library Services in a Five-Hospital System to Support

Evidence Based Practice and Research for Magnet Designation."

## Charlotte Edwards Maguire Medical Library, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

Nadine Dexter, Associate Director of Public Services, has been approved for membership to Senior Member level in the MLA Academy of Health Information Professionals.

## Shimberg Health Sciences Library, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Karen N. Keene and John Orriola represented the Shimberg Health Sciences Library at AHEC Senior Access Day held on October 27, 2006 at the University of South Florida in Tampa. The event was sponsored by the Area Health Education Center Program (AHEC) network, an extensive statewide system for health professional education and support. Senior Access Day introduces underrepresented senior high school students to various health professional careers. Representatives from USF's Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Public Health, and School of Physical Therapy were present. Over 160 high school participants from nine counties attended this year's event. A steady stream of students visited Karen and John to discuss careers in medical librarianship. This was the third time the Library partnered with AHEC in support of community outreach to high school students.

On October 18th and 19th, the staff of the Shimberg Health Sciences Library and the Tampa Bay Library Consortium partnered to host two, standing room only workshops on using the PubMed and Medline databases. Trainers Maureen Czujak and Mary Kiel from the National Networks of Libraries of Medicine in New York provided hands-on instruction to 40 Public, Special, School, SIS, and Academic Librarians from throughout west central Florida in techniques to assist their patrons in finding the most current medical information available.



Attendees at PubMed Training



Barbara Greenberg (center) with PubMed trainers Maureen Czujak and Mary Kiel

## University of Florida Health Science Center Libraries

**Michele R. Tennant** helped organize the Florida Genetics 2006 Conference at the University of Florida Nov. 1-2, which was co-sponsored by the HSC Libraries, UF Genetics Institute, Graduate Program in Plant Molecular and Cellular Biology, Evelyn F. & William L. McKnight Brain Institute, and the UF College of Engineering. Distinguished speakers from the Sloan-Kettering Institute, Indiana University, the University of Rochester Medical Center, the University of Southern California, Scripps Research Institute, and the University of Florida presented their research on various topics in epigenetics. Sixty-three posters, primarily by graduate students and post-docs, were also presented. Several hundred faculty and graduate students attended from UF and other institutions in the Southeastern United States.

The HSC Libraries welcome **Mary Edwards** as the Visiting Distance Learning Librarian. She will work on reference and liaison librarian duties, and mainly on supporting University of Florida distance learners through the DL portal at www.library.health.ufl.edu/distance/.

The HSC Libraries' administration office has had a flurry of hiring in recent months: replacing the departed **Jessica Hacker**, **Joseph Piazza** is the new Senior Fiscal Assistant; **Nadine Smith** has been hired as an Accountant; and **Elizabeth Holcomb** is the new Fiscal Assistant. Welcome, one and all!

The Reference, Education, and Information Management Department is proud to announce the hiring of **Ellie Bushhousen** as Assistant University Librarian. Besides reference work, Ellie will serve as the liaison librarian to the College of Veterinary Medicine, and the departments of Clinical and Health Psychology, Psychiatry, and Pathology, Immunology & Laboratory Medicine.

Ann Case, paraprofessional librarian and poet, recently retired after many years of service at HSC Libraries. After a few years working at the main campus library as a Library Technical Assistant, Ms. Case began working at HSC Libraries as a temporary Office/Clerical Assistant in January 1985 and became a supervising Library Technical Assistant in Circulation four months later. In June 1987, she became an LTA II in Technical Services, and she remained there until her retirement last month.

**Pamela Sherwill-Navarro** recently represented the National Library of Medicine at the invitationonly TIGER Summit (Technology Informatics Guiding Education Reform). Leaders from nursing practice organizations, educational institutions, informatics/technology businesses, and government agencies came together to create a 3-year local and global action plan for bridging the quality chasm with information technology.

Also, Ms. Sherwill was invited to be a member of the MLA's Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section's Task Force to Create Standards for Nursing Information Resources, focusing on creating nursing information resources standards for healthcare settings. **Nancy Schaefer** attended the 134th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association November 4 8 in Boston, where she oriented eight librarians selected to receive stipends from the Grace and Harold Sewell Memorial Fund to both the organization and the meeting.

Two articles by HSC librarians have been published in the October issue of the Journal of the

Medical Library Association, 94(4). Check out these two publications by Michele R. Tennant, Pam Sherwill-Navarro, Rae Jesano, and Tara Cataldo!

"Evaluation of A Liaison Librarian Program: Client And Liaison Perspectives." Available at: http:// www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/articlerender.fcgi?artid=1629425). This is the only article approved for MLA Continuing Education Credit for MLA's Independent Reading Program.

"Subject Specialization In A Liaison Librarian Program." Available at: http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/articlerender.fcgi?artid=1629419.

**Rae Jesano** collaborated on a poster for the American Library Association annual meeting June 22-28 in New Orleans entitled "A Usability Study of Metalib: Process, Issues, and Possible Solutions."

**Pamela Sherwill-Navarro** collaborated on a presentation at the MidWest chapter's annual meeting October 7-11 in Louisville entitled "Collaboration with Librarians: What Does It Mean to Nursing Faculty?"

Adriana Yoshii of the Jacksonville Borland Library collaborated on a poster, "Analysis of the Reporting of Search Strategies in Cochrane Systematic Reviews," for the 2006 North American Conference on Systematic Reviews, July 13-14 in Baltimore.

Mary Edwards presented a poster (co-authored with Ellie Bushhousen and Linda Butson) at the joint meeting of the Southern and MidAtlantic chapters in Atlanta. The link to the poster, entitled "Inspiring High School Students to Select A Health Care Profession: A Collaborative Approach," and a description of the program at the HSC Libraries' website can be found at http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/presentations/SC-MAC06/index.htm

## Sun Coast Hospital, Largo, FL

**Dorothy R. Kelly**, Medical Librarian at Sun Coast Hospital, and **Dale Prince**, Technology Coordinator for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Southeastern Atlantic Region, presented "Search Engines in the Medical Library" and "Bloglines and the Sciences" to the American Osteopathic College of Pathologists at the annual American Osteopathic Association Physician's Conference held in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 19, 2006.

Dorothy also has a publication in the Fall 2006 issue of *Medical Reference Services Quarterly*: "Implementing a Personalized Resource Management Program for a Small Medical Library by Using LinkOut."

## Morton Plant Mease Health Care, Clearwater, FL

Karen Roth, Manager of Medical Libraries, and Thomas Hill, Medical Librarian at Self Regional Healthcare in Greenwood SC, presented a poster at the joint meeting of Southern and Mid-Atlantic chapters in Atlanta, October 2006. The poster was entitled "How long does that

electronic ILL really take? And what does that prove?" In addition, Karen was one of 2 keynote speakers for the Hospital Library Symposium luncheon on the topic "Metrics that Matter."

## Baptist Health System of South Florida, South Miami, FL

**Diane Rourke**, director of library services, is a member of the MLA Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee, becoming chair of the committee in 2008.

On November 8, Miami Children's Hospital sponsored the MLA Web Teleconference, "Moving at the Speed of Byte: Emerging Technologies for Information Management." MHSLC Chair, Roumiana Katzarkov, was the local teleconference host.

Baptist Health South Florida celebrated October as National Medical Librarians Month with an online contest on their website, with questions about the contents of the online catalog. Winners received gift certificates to Borders bookstore.

Baptist Health South Florida libraries also completed the full implementation of their web-based integrated library system, including the Circulation module of the Cybertools for Libraries software.

# **GEORGIA**



## Robert Greenblatt Library, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA

The Medical College of Georgia Greenblatt Library is pleased to welcome Mr. Tom Cutshall as Assistant Professor and Virtual Services Librarian effective January 15. Tom earned two advanced degrees, including a Master of Library Science from Indiana University in 1992 and a Master of Education in Instructional Technology in 2003. Tom was recruited to the Greenblatt Library faculty from the University of Georgia, where he formerly served as Digital Metadata and Interface Design Consultant and Map Cataloger and Web Editor. He is a member of the American Library and Special Libraries Associations and has authored numerous web-based publications on web usability. The Greenblatt Library look forward to Tom's leadership in advancing a 21st century digital library preferred by a new generation of users. Welcome Tom!

# Libraries: The medicine chest of the soul.

# **MISSISSIPPI**



## Rowland Medical Library, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS

The Rowland Medical Library and the UMC Office of Faculty Development cooperated in establishing the Faculty Scholarship Exchange in the library to foster and support the campus-wide faculty development program. The Exchange is a dedicated room for faculty collaborations in multidisciplinary research and educational projects that promote creativity and peer learning among team members. A small collection of books related to faculty development is available within the facility as well as a dedicated computer workstation for Web conferencing, electronic data sharing, and access to scholarly biomedical information. Library staff provides knowledge management, instruction, and reference services for collaborative teams upon request.

Rowland Medical Library is pleased to announce the appointment of **Gabriela A. Cipollone Johnson** to the library faculty. Gabriela joined the Reference Department on October 2, 2006. Before joining the staff of UMC, Gabriela was the Instructional Services Librarian at Iona College's Ryan Library in New Rochelle, New York. She graduated from the Graduate School of Library & Information Studies of Queens College, City University of New York. She is excited about her career change to the medical library world as well as her relocation to the south.

**Lauren M. Young** attended the Mississippi Library Association Annual Meeting on October 25-27, 2006 in Tunica, MS.





## University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library, Columbia, SC

**Christine Whitaker** has been appointed Collection Development Librarian. Previously, she was Science Librarian with the Thomas Cooper Library, University of South Carolina.

In observance of National Medical Librarians Month, the Library hosted a Back to the Beach Day on October 18. The Library was decorated in a beach theme including beach music and a seven foot inflated palm tree. Snacks, leis, and stress relief toys were given out to users. Laura Kane and Steve Wilson coordinated the day. Check out some fun pictures of the event at http://uscm. med.sc.edu/beach\_day\_photos/.



Laura Kane and Steve Wilson at Back to the Beach Day

# TENNESSEE



# Quillen College of Medicine Library, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN

East Tennessee State University Quillen College of Medicine Library, Johnson City, TN would like to announce two new reference librarians, **Nakia Carter** and **Maylene Qiu**.

Nakia graduated from East Tennessee State University in 2000 with Bachelor degrees in English and Psychology. She went on to attend the University of Tennessee Knoxville, attaining a Masters of Science in Information Sciences in 2003. She worked in Circulation and Interlibrary Loan before becoming involved in the Consumer Health Program. She worked as the Consumer Health Librarian at East Tennessee State University's Quillen College of Medicine Library for two years prior to being hired as a reference librarian in May 2006.

Kefeng "Maylene" Qiu is originally from the People's Republic of China. Before entering the library science program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW-Madison), she worked in pharmaceutical science and chemistry-related research for about ten years. At UW-Madison she initially worked as a Chinese Bibliographer Assistant at the East Asian Collection Library, a cataloging assistant at Memorial Library (humanities library), and a reference assistant at Steenbock Library (life science library). She developed a collection of electronic resources on biochemistry at the Biochemistry Library and also taught workshops at Ebling Library (health science library). During her library study, she had one publication on collection evaluation of Chinese History Resources on the Ming and Qing Dynasties. Another paper about collection development on biochemistry resources is under editing. She has been working at Quillen College of Medicine Library, East Tennessee State University, as a reference librarian since August 2006.

## Tennessee Outreach State Planning and Evaluation Team Update

New funding was received from NN/LM for continuing the work of the Tennessee Outreach State Planning and Evaluation Team.

New Project Goals:

• Further analyze the data from the state-wide surveys completed during the Outreach State Planning and Evaluation Team process. A total of 1,295 surveys were completed including: 288 librarians and library employees, 233 health information consumers, and 774 health professionals and health profession students.

• One meeting of the members of the existing team to discuss the results of the survey analysis, review the progress of the team's activities, plan for future coordinated activities and to explore more fully the need and interest in pursuing a "Go Local" project in Tennessee.

SC/MLA Members include:

Sandy Oelschlegel and Martha Earl Preston Medical Library University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine

## Suresh Ponnappa and Rick Wallace

East Tennessee State University James H. Quillen College of Medicine

**Richard Nollan** The University of Tennessee Health Science Center Library, Memphis

Jan Haley St. Thomas Hospital

## **New THeSLA Officers Elected**

2006-07 Officers for THeSLA (Tennessee Health Science Libraries Association) are as follows:

President--**Nedra Cook**, Ft. Sanders Regional Medical Center Vice-President/Program Chair--**Jan Haley**,STHS/St. Thomas Hospital Secretary-- **Kefeng (Maylene) Qiu**, East Tennessee State University Treasurer--**Sharon Brown**, Wellmont Health System/Holston Valley Medical Center & Bristol Regional Medical Center Membership Chair--**Nakia Carter**, East Tennessee State University

## Help Preserve Southern Chapter History: Nominate an Oral History Candidate!

The goal of the SC/MLA Oral History Project is to record the unique perspectives of distinguished individuals within the Southern Chapter in their own words. Many chapter members have retired in recent years, and we need to capture their memories for the sake of posterity! If you would like to nominate someone to be interviewed for the Oral History Project, please read over the following:

• The individual should have served at least fifteen years as a medical librarian or have been affiliated with the profession. An individual who has made significant, but unofficial, contributions may also be considered.

• The individual should have been an active member of SC/MLA during the majority of his/her career. SC/MLA officers are given close consideration.

Please send all nominations to: Laura Kane, Chair, SC/MLA History Committee, laura@gw.med. sc.edu. If possible, please include a brief paragraph describing the person's contributions to the profession and to Southern Chapter. Visit http://www.scmla.org/oral\_history.htm for more information.

## Southern Chapter Offers Honorary Membership

At the annual meeting in Atlanta, Southern Chapter offered honorary membership to two outstanding librarians. Both have retired this past year, and have made significant contributions to both the profession and this organization.

**Nancy Clemmons** retired from the Lister Hill Library at the University of Alabama at Birmingham this past June after 29 years of service. She has served on numerous Southern Chapter committees and was Chair from 1997-1998. Nancy sat on the MLA Board of Directors from 2003 through May of 2006.

Marilee Creelan retired from the Medical College of Georgia Greenblatt Library in July. She has been a member of Southern Chapter for the past ten years and has served as Bookkeeper since 1999 and more recently as a member of the Nominating Committee.

## Southern Chapter Academic Librarian of the Year: Jan LaBeause

Jan Hawkins LaBeause was awarded the Academic Librarian of the Year Award at the Annual Meeting in Atlanta. Jan has been a member of Southern Chapter since 1978. She was Chair in 1995 and has served in numerous other capacities, including Program Chair, Secretary-Treasurer, Meeting Coordinator, Strategic Planning Chair, Nominating Committee Chair, Chapter Council Representative, and Watkins Scholarship Task Force Chair. She has been Ad Hoc Logo Committee Chair since 2001 and even quilted the new Southern Chapter logo herself! At the national level, she is a Distinguished Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals and has served as chair of the Chapter Council Roundtable Committee. She chaired the Regional Advisory Council of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern/Atlantic Region and has received and managed numerous grants from both the Regional office and the National Library of Medicine. Jan is director of the Mercer Medical Library and Learning Resources Center in Macon, GA and is Co-Coordinator for the Georgia Health Go Local project.

To be eligible for the Academic Librarian of the Year Award, a candidate must have worked in an academic health library setting for at least 5 years and be a member of Southern Chapter. Applicants must demonstrate excellence in research, instruction, and/or service in health librarianship. The winner of this award is also nominated at the national level for the Medical Library Association's Estelle Brodman award forAcademic Medical Librarian of the year.



Roxanne Nelson (right) presents Jan LaBeause with the Academic Librarian of the Year Award

## T. Mark Hodges Outstanding Service Award

The Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association has established the T. Mark Hodges Outstanding Service Award to honor the memory of T. Mark Hodges and to recognize a chapter member whose service to the chapter and profession have been exceptional and of lasting importance. Although never serving as Chairperson of the Southern Chapter, Mark demonstrated his unique brand of leadership in many ways and served the chapter and profession with distinction for over 35 years.

Mark Hodges was a significant leader in both the Southern Chapter and in the Medical Library Association. Mark's leadership skills helped the chapter navigate through many difficult issues. He was never reticent to bring issues to the group at the annual business meeting or to speak on behalf of chapter interests at the national level. Although not quite the chapter's "parliamentarian for life," Mark often served in that capacity and guided the proceedings of difficult business meetings. Mark led the charge on both the chapter and national level to ensure that the Cunningham Fellowship would be permanently endowed. He consistently reminded us of our roots and the value of honoring our past. Mark served as a role model for all, and many chapter members considered him a mentor. On the national level, Mark was chosen as one of the 100 "Most Notable" for the MLA Centennial Celebration and was also recognized as an MLA Fellow, Marcia Noyes Award Recipient (1999) and Janet Doe Lecturer (1997). MLA also has chosen to honor Mark by establishing the T. Mark Hodges International Service Award.

Just as Mark was well known within the Southern Chapter for his dedicated and continuing service to the chapter, so too must the recipient of the T. Mark Hodges Outstanding Service Award have served the chapter in extraordinary ways. Nominees must have been a member of the Southern Chapter and the Medical Library Association for at least 10 years and must have served the chapter with distinction in several different capacities, such as: serving in elected or appointed office, serving as committee chair or active committee member, representing the chapter on national and/or regional organizations or actively participating in annual meetings by presenting papers or posters, chairing concurrent or poster sessions or organizing special sessions, and otherwise sharing his/her professional knowledge and values.

Watch the SC/MLA Website for details on nominating a deserving chapter member for this award.

## Martha C. Watkins Memorial Scholarship Contributors

Submitted by Jan LaBeause and Sandra Canham

At the 2006 Southern Chapter/Mid-Atlantic Chapter annual meeting, \$2,300.00 was raised for the Martha C. Watkins Memorial Scholarship Fund. For each \$10 donation, members could honor a mentor or receive a commemorative handmade M.O.M. (Memories of Martha) Christmas ornament (handmade by Linda Flavin), a copy of the SC/MLA cookbook, or a t-shirt with the SCMLA/MAC 2006 meeting logo. All contributors also received a "chance" to win the scholarship fund door prize. The winner of this year's prize, a lap quilt based on the 9-patch Southern Chapter logo

that was handcrafted by Jan LaBeause, was Danny O'Neal from the University of South Florida. Congratulations Danny and thanks to all who donated to the Scholarship Fund!

The following list reflects those who have contributed to the Martha C. Watkins Memorial Scholarship between September 1, 2006 and November 30, 2006:

Amy Allison Marilyn Barry Tom Basler Amanda Baver Lauren Benevich Sylvia Brandon **Jane Bridges** Carolyn Brown Bonita Bryan Darcel Bryant Judy Burnham Carol Burns Sandra L Canham Sharon Lee Cann Bobbie Carlson Nakia Carter Patricia Clark Susan Clark Nancy W. Clemmons Pat Cole Nedra J. Cook Laura Cousineau Brenda Curry-Wimberly Kate Daniels Cheryl Dee Victoria Delgado Tara Douglas-Williams Brenda Dowd Martha Earl Mary Fielder Linda Flavin Lynn Fortney Carla Funk Sandra G. Franklin Barbara Friedman Sarah Gable Anna Getselman Adam Glazer Margarita Gonzalez Brenda Green Patricia Hammond

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The following list reflects those who participated in the Honor-a-Mentor Program:

In honor of... Nancy Clemmons Sandra Franklin Sarah Gable Carolyn G. Hall Phyllis Gillikin Jan LaBeause Scott Plutchak Ada Seltzer Tom Singarella Ted Srygley Bettye Stilley *By...* Kay Hogan Smith Kathy Torrente Mandy Bayer Pam Neumann Pat Hammond Jane Bridges Lynn Fortney Virginia Segrest Hughson Lynn Fortney Pam Neuman Pam Neuman



Pam Neuman and Jan LaBeause present quilt to winner Danny O'Neal



In memory of.... Maxyne Grimes T. Mark Hodges

Judy Johnston Jane Lambremont

By... Ada Seltzer Judy Burnham Nancy Clemmons Nedra Cook Carla Funk Sarah Gable Brenda Green Jan LaBeause Faith A. Meakin Mary Fran Prottsman Virginia Segrest Hughson M.J. Tooev Barbara Shearer Pat Clark Nancy Clemmons Nedra Cook Cheryl Dee Jan LaBeause Mary Fran Prottsman **Becky Satterthwaite** Virginia Segrest Hughson Sarah Gable Jan LaBeause Joceyln Rankin



Danny O'Neal and Jan LaBeause

Jean Sayre

To learn more about applying for the Martha C. Watkins Memorial Scholarship or making a donation, please go to http://www.scmla.org/mom.htm.

## New Courses from NN/LM

Starting in 2007, **Sheila Snow-Croft**, the Outreach Education Coordinator for the NN/LM SE/A, will be offering two new classes for our region: "Grants and NN/LM Funding Opportunities" and "Patient Safety Resource Seminar: Librarians on the Front Lines."

The Grants class presents a general overview of the grant and funding processes and focuses on the different components of the writing process, including documenting need, identifying target populations, writing measurable objectives, and developing work, evaluation, and dissemination plans. More information can be found at http://nnlm.gov/training/grants.

The Patient Safety Resource class focuses on ways medical librarians can become more involved in the patient safety processes and activities within their institutions and organizations. Topics include understanding the issues of patient safety, locating where patient safety practices exist within one's institution, and identifying patient safety resources. Aimed at hospital librarians, but relevant for all librarians, these four hours of lecture, discussion, and brainstorming help us all become effective agents for improving patient safety. For more information, see http://nnlm.gov/training/patientsafety.

In addition to these two new courses, the online version of "¿No Comprende?: Spanish Health Information Resources for the English Speaking Librarian" will be available in the new year, starting with a trial run for up to 10 participants in February. This is an online, asynchronous, instructor-led class using Moodle, a free, downloadable, open source software package. More information specific to the distance education format will soon be available; in the meantime, please see the materials available for the in-person class at http://nnlm.gov/training/nocomprende.

For more information regarding these courses or other educational opportunities, please contact Sheila Snow-Croft at ssnowcro@hshsl.umaryland.edu or 1-800-338-7657 (choose 1 for the Regional Office), or visit the NN/LM SE/A website at http://nnlm.gov/sea.

## **News from Bylaws Committee**

Submitted by Toni C. Yancey

The By-laws committee sent out 252 ballots to Southern Chapter members on November 13th. One hundred and twelve ballots were returned by December 11, 2006. The by-laws changes were unanimously approved by the membership.

Identify the following quote, speaker, and source to win a small gift from Lister Hill Library!

"I'm going back to dignity and grace. I'm going back to Charleston, where I belong."

Email correct answers to Jason and Nicole with the subject line "Charleston quote."

Jason jbb42@uab.edu and Nicole anmitch@uab.edu

## Take the Lead

The results from the fall 2006 membership survey provided some interesting comments for changes in SC/MLA publications. Included in those ideas were specific suggestions for the discussion list, the web site, and Southern Expressions.

The Communications Committee wants you to know that we are responding to your ideas. Currently, the Reply To function has been changed on the discussion list, so that using the Reply button sends the response to the sender and not the list. This is a three month trial initiated by **Nelle Williams**, our list owner.

Pertaining to the web site, suggestions included adding a blog, a request for address and phone contact information for committee members, and a survey repository on the web site. Our web site administrator, **Justin Robertson**, and the Assistant Web Site Administrator, **Lisa Ennis**, are looking into the possibilities of making such changes happen.

As for Southern Expressions, most comments were very positive. People suggested a "Leadership Tips" column and requested articles covering all types of medical librarianship issues ("not just awards, technology, deaths, or retirees").

The survey also showed that only about half of respondents had ever sent a news item to their state reporter. Our *Southern Expressions* editors, **Jason Baker** and **Nicole Mitchell**, have put out the call for column editors, but so far no one has responded.

Any member of Southern Chapter is encouraged to submit articles dealing with various types of medical librarianship issues to the editors of Southern Expressions. Likewise, members interested in starting a blog or organizing an online survey repository, can contact our web site administrators.

On behalf of the editors and the members of the Communications Committee, I want to thank our members for their suggestions. We appreciated your many positive remarks.

Now it is time to get to work. Write a column. Send a story. Start a blog. If you want to see change, take the lead.

## Martha Earl

Chair, Communications Committee

## The Final Word...

We have labored far too long on this issue of Southern Expressions and the chill and damp has finally broken me down to the point where I am ready to shuffle it off to you, the readers. Enjoy. Please onsider Martha's request and drive the content of your newsletter. Nicole and I look forward to working with those of you who decide to write or edit columns. Thanks.

Jason and Nicole.