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## From the Editor



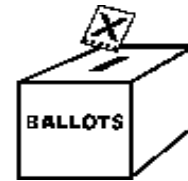
Greetings CPHSLA Members!

There are many new and exciting reports with this issue of the newsletter. The first is quite obvious -- this is our first electronic edition. Members have received this issue either by email or fax, due to the decision of the membership at the last meeting that it would be a faster and inexpensive way to distribute, which it is. It has taken a great deal of time to set up and it may appear to be in a constant state of evolution, but I believe it will be well worth it. I have run into several technical "block walls" which may make a story of their own for the next newsletter. Although the fax version will not show the bright array of colors and the clickable hyperlinks of the emailed version, folks will of course be able to read all of the important information and see the pictures in black and white.

The next new and exciting item (at least for me!) is that I am the editor. Laurie Schwing had planned on co-editing with me until she received notification that she is the grant administrator of an LSTA State grant. (See details of this wonderful news on page 3.) Laurie knew she would be much too stretched to get everything done and decided she must let this go for now. We wish her well with the grant.

I will serve you the best I can with this newsletter to bring you the news of the previous and next meetings of CPHSLA as well as updates on our members and the projects and events that affect us in this region. I will never intentionally overlook anyone; all I ask of you is to keep me informed of all that is happening with you, your staff, and your libraries. Just a quick email, phone call, or note will immensely help. Each of us is a terrific resource for the rest of the membership. Although your projects and daily events may seem *to you* as humdrum at times and may not even be on the cutting edge of technology, just keep in mind that what you are doing may be helpful and encouraging to others. **PLEASE SHARE WITH US!**

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## IT'S UNANIMOUS!!!!!!!!!!

The ballots for the CPHSLA officers for the 1999 - 2000 year were sent to Tracie Kahler, (Altoona Hospital) head of the nominating committee. After Tracie tallied the votes, all voting members were in total agreement as to whom the new officers would be.

**President: Laura Goodman** (Holy Spirit Hospital, Camp Hill)

**Vice- President: Patrice Hall** (Penn State Geisinger Health System, Hershey)

**Treasurer: Martha Ruff** (Harrisburg State Hospital, Harrisburg)

**Secretary: Gayle Stauffer** (Cecil County Community College, Maryland)

Each of these offices is for a term of 2 years as in accordance with the bylaws changes voted in during the March 13, 1998 meeting.

Please join with us in saying "**Congratulations! and THANK YOU!**" to our new officers. We look forward to their leadership and guidance and hope the experience is rewarding for each of them. We are grateful they were willing to serve.

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***From the President...***

To the devoted members of the Central Pennsylvania Health Sciences Library Association:

Less than five years ago I was still in the process of preaching to family, friends, strangers and the choir of my desire to be a librarian. Now, I not only have achieved my dream of being a librarian, but also have the honor of serving as President of the CPHSLA. Many have contributed to my being where I am today, though I must single out my co-worker and mentor Edie Asbury, who is a past president of this prestigious organization. While attending Clarion's Masters Program in Harrisburg, I interned at Holy Spirit with Edie and learned plenty. After a stint at Chambersburg Hospital, I now work as Health Librarian with Edie at Holy Spirit.

Having attended CPHSLA meetings in the past, I have found them enlightening and entertaining. I hope to make some worthwhile contributions. As I was looking through the 1995 membership directory, I thought *time for an update!* I plan to serve proudly, accomplish tasks proficiently, and make many friends. Thank you for your support.

Laura Goodman

**President - Laura Goodman cont'd**

- Favorite Website:** healthcentral.com (Dr. Dean Edell fan for past 15 years)
- Favorite Book:** Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand
- Favorite Soda:** Tab (a part of the 0.1% who still drink it)
- Favorite Trial:** The Rosenberg Trial (my uncle testified)
- Interests:** Corgis, petromobilia, the "Fifties", collecting anodized aluminum tumblers & Tab collectibles. Medical interests include existing & emerging viruses & the study of Eugenics (do not agree with, just find interesting)
- Medical Chart:** Husband had quintuple bypass 4/95; I have a history of Crohn's disease - 2 surgeries in early 80's; Audrey, Trevor & Newman are all fixed
- Oddest Experience:** Quit jobs, sold house, took a 3 month road trip around the USA in 1987
- Wisest Decision:** To become a Librarian
- Favorite Quote:** "My life is an open book"

***Spotlight on our Officers***

**President - Laura Goodman**

- Where I Hail From:** Born & raised in the Bronx; moved to Long Island; living in South Central PA since 1986
- Immediate Family:** Husband - Bob, a pharmacist/author "Children" - three Pembroke Welsh Corgi dogs, Audrey, Trevor, & Newman
- Former Life:** Pharmacy degree from St. John's University & career as a pharmacist for 15 years
- New Life:** Received my M.S.L.S. from Clarion Univ. June 1996. Worked at Chambersburg Hospital until I received a "calling" to join Holy Spirit Hospital November 1997
- Professional Affiliations:** Member of MLA & ALA

**Vice-President - Patrice Hall**

I received my MLS in 1980 from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, where I also completed the VA training program for medical librarians at the Nashville VA Medical Center. I've worked in medical, academic and public libraries. Prior to coming to the Community Health Information Library in Hershey, I was the librarian at Community General Osteopathic Hospital.

I'm from Cumberland, MD and we've lived in Hummelstown for 10 years now. I have two teenagers, Jamie and Amanda who go to Lower Dauphin. If there were such a thing as "free time", I would use it to sketch, paint and go bicycling or hiking.



Officers are like our Anchors...

# Spotlight on our Officers

## Secretary - Gayle Stauffer

My husband, Don, and I have lived in Lititz for 25 years. In fact, I was born, raised, and educated in Pennsylvania. We have two children: a son David (he and his wife Cynthia live in Lancaster) and a daughter Laura, who also lives and works in Lancaster.

I started out as an English teacher (BA in English/Speech from Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA; PA Teacher Certification in English and Library Science). I left teaching to be a stay-at-home mother while our children were young, then returned to the public schools as a librarian. After receiving my Masters in Information Studies from Drexel University, I accepted a job-sharing position working with Deb Lovett at The Good Samaritan Hospital in Lebanon. In January of 1999 I began my current full-time position at Cecil Community College in North East, MD. I am the assistant Librarian for Automation, Technology, and Bibliographic Instruction. As automation librarian I have been involved in choosing the library's new automated, integrated library system (we signed our contract with SIRSI last month and began training September 8). As system administrator it has been my job to establish system policies, and my desk will be where "the buck stops" when questions or problems arise. I see all the English 101 and Reading 100 classes for Bibliographic Instruction and schedule subject-oriented BI for other subjects as requested by the instructors. Cecil is a small Community College (1300 students). The library has a reasonably good nursing collection. The library director and I share the duties of liaison to the various departments; I am liaison to the nursing department. I'm enjoying the variety of experiences that working here brings.

If you spend any time at the shore or on the Chesapeake Bay, you may have passed Cecil on your way. The next time you drive by, stop in.

## Treasurer - Martha Ruff

It has already been 2 months since Eric Delozier handed over the keys to the CPHSLA Treasury. That key being the little icon on Microsoft Access. By the way, using an access database constructed by someone else is a very good way to ease into its complexities and workings. When I construct my own tables & queries, I can just go back to that one to see how he did it. Thanks, Eric!

My first few years at Harrisburg State Hospital were strictly in the Patients' Library, getting materials for the recreation staff to use with patient programs and offering my own library programs to the patients. Soon, however, I took over the Staff Library too. So

## Treasurer - Martha Ruff cont'd

the 1<sup>st</sup> thing to do was to join CPHSLA. What an inspiration to be with the librarians who worked with computers, OCLC and faxes. Then, even the state institutions added a computer to our system so that we could use Docline, Grateful Med, email, and finally the internet. We small libraries still look to the larger libraries and their librarians for leadership and assistance. Thank you to all members, from large and small facilities, for your help and inspiration.

## **LSTA GRANTS AWARDED TO CPHSLA MEMBERS**

The Office of Commonwealth Libraries has awarded two Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants to aid libraries in our region in networking, resource sharing, and special service projects.

PinnacleHealth Library Services, in conjunction with Dauphin County Library System (DCLS), has been awarded a \$32,000 grant from the State of Pennsylvania. These funds will be used to open the medical library collections of Harrisburg and Polyclinic Hospitals to greater public use and to improve the existing health library collections at PinnacleHealth WomanCare Resource Centers. The comprehensive PinnacleHealth Library catalog will be placed on the World Wide Web (WWW) and will be linked to the catalog of the Dauphin County Library System. Instruction will be offered to the community about quality filtering of medical and health-related news, as well as how to find reliable and accurate websites for health reference.

The first partnership of its kind in the area, this venture, conceived by PinnacleHealth librarians Cheryl Capitani and Laurie Schwing, offers public access to the best medical information available. Says Ms. Schwing, "we want to encourage the public to join with their physicians or other health care professionals to use medical information in an individualized health care plan." The grant project is set to begin in the spring of 2000, once the PinnacleHealth catalog is available on the World Wide Web.

Also, the Community Health Information Library (Patrice Hall) and the Women's Resource Center (Valerie Gross) of the Penn State Geisinger Health System received an \$14,715 LSTA grant from the Office of Commonwealth Libraries to automate their collections. They are going to combine their holdings into one database and it will be searchable from their website. Patrice is also currently working with the Hershey Public Library as part of their LSTA grant and she will be presenting a program, "Consumer Health Resources on the Web" at that library. In addition Patrice and Glennys Button, the automation manager, are working with the Mohler Senior Center to introduce seniors to the Internet. Glennys will present a series of lectures at the Senior Center and then Patrice will host some hands-on workshops for the attendees at the Community Health Information Library.

Central Pennsylvania Health Sciences Library Association  
Spring Meeting Minutes  
Pennsylvania State University – Middletown Campus  
Middletown, PA  
April 30, 1999

*ATTENDANCE:* Patrice Hall, Community Health Information Library; Barb Miller, St. Joseph Hospital; Kathy Mazurek, St. Joseph Medical Center – Reading; Margaret Hsieh, Reading Hospital & Medical Center; Stephanie Kulas, Lock Haven University; Edie Asbury, Holy Spirit Hospital; Judy Welch, Carlisle Hospital; Laura Goodman, Holy Spirit Hospital; Elinor Snow, Centre Community Hospital; Mike Heyd, Susquehanna Health System; Sue Smith, Lewistown Hospital; Gayle Stauffer, Cecil C. College; Julie Woodling, Altoona Hospital; Tracie Kahler, Altoona Hospital; Diane Leinheiser, Pottsville Hospital & Warner Clinic; Deb Lovett, Good Samaritan Hospital; Martha Ruff, Harrisburg State Hospital; Cindy King, Lancaster General Hospital; Ruth Tormas, Community Hospital; Sandy Wood, Hershey Medical Center; Libby Coldsmith, PinnacleHealth System.

*CALL TO ORDER:* President Ruff convened the Business meeting at 2:15 p.m.

*ANNOUNCEMENTS:*

- Membership dues are not payable until June of 2000.
- HHP is the processing center for all PinnacleHealth interlibrary loans. This includes Harrisburg Hospital, Polyclinic Hospital, and Community General Osteopathic Hospital.
- St Joseph's Hospital in Reading requested a print copy of CPH's union list. UCMP would print this; Kathy Mazurak will contact them.

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:*

There were no corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. They were approved on a motion by Mike Heyd, seconded by Elinor Snow.

*TREASURER'S REPORT:*

The treasurer's report reflected a checking account balance of \$904.05, which is an increase of approximately \$10 from the previous report. The certificates of deposit remain the same valuation of approximately \$8600. An accounting of interest accrued in 1998 revealed a total of \$387.58.

*REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:*

**Program Committee: (Barbara Deaven)** Ideas for a Sept./Oct. meeting place include Lehigh or CHL member location.

**Special Projects Committee: (Patrice Hall)** Nothing to report at this time.

**Exchange List Committee: (Edie Asbury)** Due date is July 15<sup>th</sup> for the next List.

**Member-at-Large Committee: (Edie Asbury)** No report.

**Newsletter: (Deb Lovett)** Editorship will be transferred to Laurie Schwing and a co-editor.

**Nominating: (Tracie Kahler)** The slate of candidates is prepared and ballots will be in the next newsletter. Candidates are as follows: Patrice Hall, Vice President; Laura Goodman, President; Martha Ruff, Treasurer; Gayle Stauffer, Secretary.

*NEW BUSINESS:* The new member packet will be updated by the year 2000. Eric continues to hold the new member application forms. The New Member List will appear on the CPHSLA listserv.

A suggestion was made to send minutes over the listserv also as a text file since some members could not open the MS Word version.

Discussion about whether to join with other organizations to hold meetings was positive. The consensus was to continue the existence as a separate organization but to try to hold collaborative meetings when practical.

*ADJOURNMENT:* The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Schwing, Secretary

**CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA HEALTH SCIENCES  
LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
April 30, 1999**

CHECKING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

	Previous Checkbook Balance	\$ 894.31
Credits		
	Deposits	\$ 144.00
Total Credits		\$1,038.31
Expenditures		
	Holy Spirit Hospital	\$ 101.15
	Holy Spirit Hospital	\$ 33.11
Total Expenditures		\$ 134.26
Current Balance		\$ 904.05

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

Initial Amount	Renewal Interest	Renewal Value	Renewal Date	1998 Interest
\$5,000.00	4.280	\$7,185.10	12/03/98	\$ 325.82
\$1,000.00	4.520	\$1,407.63	11/23/98	\$ 61.76

Submitted by,

Eric P. Delozier, Treasurer

# Next Meeting...

The next meeting for the *Central Pennsylvania Health Sciences Library Association* will be **Thursday October 28<sup>th</sup> at Bucknell University**. The cost is **\$8.00** and is **payable to CPHSLA** to cover our share of the cost of the teleconference and light refreshments. You may pre-register by mailing your check made out to **CPHSLA** to

**Patrice Hall  
Community Health Information Library  
Penn State Geisinger Health System  
PO 850 HS07  
Hershey, PA 17033**

You may also register before the program at **1:30 p.m.** at the **2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library**.

There will be a short business meeting at **2:00 p.m.** just prior to the teleconference.

The joint **program** with the SLC (Susquehanna Library Consortium) is a **3:00 pm** teleconference titled "Building the Earth's Largest Library" by Steven Coffman. Coffman, author of a controversial article with the same title, will discuss his library philosophy during the national satellite teleconference, which will air live across the United States. Coffman's article has generated controversy and heated discussions among librarians, library staffs, library vendors, and even some patrons since it appeared in the March, 1999 issue of *Searcher*. You may read it for yourself at <http://www.infotoday.com/searcher/mar/coffman.htm>

A sample of Coffman's questions:

- **What if we dropped our local catalogs and allowed our patrons to select anything from the 40 million items in OCLC's WorldCat?**
- **Suppose we stock only the most commonly requested titles and rely on other libraries, wholesalers, and publishers to supply the rest?**
- **What if we use the Internet, electronic delivery, and low-cost shipping to bring the library to our patrons rather than requiring our patrons come to us?**

Coffman, director of FYI, a fee-based business information service at the County of Los Angeles Public Library, admits this approach raises fundamental issues about the purpose of libraries and how they should be funded and operated.

During the teleconference Coffman and a reactor panel of librarians will discuss and debate these issues. Audience members will be able to participate directly in the program through email during question and answer sessions and in a live chat session following the broadcast.

Directions to Bucknell University can be found at <http://www.bucknell.edu/visitors/directions.shtml> and a campus map at <http://www.bucknell.edu/map/>

## Thursday October 28<sup>th</sup> CPHSLA Itinerary Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA

- 1:30 Registration**
- 2:00 Business Meeting**
- 3:00 Teleconference with SLC by Steven Coffman**

### Other Upcoming Meetings

- **ASIS 1999 Annual Meeting  
Knowledge: Creation, Organization and Use  
October 31- November 4, 1999, J.W. Marriott  
Hotel, Washington, D.C.**  
<http://www.asis.org/Conferences/AM99/>
- **ALA Midwinter Meeting 2000  
San Antonio, Texas,  
January 14-19, 2000** <http://www.ala.org/events/mw2000/index.html>
- **SLA 2000 Winter Meeting/Educ. Conference  
St. Louis, Missouri  
January 20-25, 2000**  
<http://www.sla.org/conf/winter2000.shtml>

October is National Medical Librarians' Month! What are YOU going to do to make yourself and your services more visible??? Check this out...  
<http://www.mlanet.org/press/nml-month/index.html>

### Editor's Note:

I hope you like the *new* CPHSLA newsletter. It did take an enormous amount of time (especially with a JCAHO inspection starting the 27<sup>th</sup>), but I did enjoy this project. I won't have new officers to spotlight in the next issue, so **please share** your newest project, ideas, special acquisitions, websites, software, etc. and I will be happy to include them. I hope to include a piece about the new facility for the Penn State Harrisburg Heindel Library that we got a glimpse of at the last meeting. Eric Delozier may be able to get us some finished pictures to include.

Take care,  
Julie Woodling