

NEWS

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From the President's Desk ...

Greetings! Part of the reason for belonging to LISAA is to keep in touch with your colleagues. This issue features an extensive "Who's doing what" column updating you on the current activities of your fellow alumni.

Thank you to everyone who attended LISAA's "Welcome to the Profession" reception following Professional Development Day on March 26, 1993. The food was great, the company fantastic, and, overall, it was a great success.

Unfortunately, the Graduate Studies Scholarship Committee did not approve our proposal to change the LISAA Scholarship consisting of one award (of approximately \$1200) into two awards (of approximately \$600 each). The Graduate Studies Scholarship Committee felt that splitting the award would contradict its policy of having the minimum value of an award at \$1000.00. However, as the endowment fund continues to grow, it will be possible to split the scholarship into two awards in the near future.

I would like to extend a special invitation to all members to attend our Annual General Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 2nd, in the Heritage Lounge, Athabasca Hall, University of Alberta, where we will be presenting this year's Honourary Membership and introducing LISAA's new executive. Dr. Anna Altmann will be speaking following the meeting and refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there.

Pilar Martinez

Call for Nominations ...

Nominations for the following LISAA Executive positions are being sought: Treasurer and Vice-President. If you know some willing individual who would like to get involved with LISAA, please contact Maureen Beristain at 492-3731.

News from the School ...

Watch for your invitation to the BIG CELEBRATION, Saturday, June 11th, 1994. Open House at the School from 1 - 4:00 p.m. Join us at the Alberta Research Council anytime after 5:00 p.m. for lots of food and fun.

The School hosted a double session at the Alberta Library Conference in Jasper on April 29th. The session "Research, Review, Reflection" featured 19 mini-presentations by professors, students and alumni of the School. The highlight of the session was Class of '93 Michael Dudley's performance of *You Must Remember SLIS* and, of course, the cake sponsored by LISAA.

Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will be held Thursday, June 2nd at 5:00 p.m. in the Heritage Lounge of Athabasca Hall, University of Alberta. The short business meeting will be followed by light refreshments and a talk by School of Library and Information Studies Associate Professor Dr. Anna Altmann. Anna will be speaking of the research she undertook while on sabbatical in a talk entitled "Children's Literature Goes to University".

Who's doing what ...

B.J. Nielsen ('73) - B.J. has been a Collection Development Librarian at Keene Public Library, New Hampshire for 5 years. She is also the resident "techie" and takes care of the CD-ROM workstations, works on the Reference Desk, and catalogues all the books. She buys and troubleshoots their online system (Innovative Interfaces INC., which she says they love). Her oldest daughter is now in college (a Biology major), the middle one starts college next fall (pre-veterinary), and her son is in Grade 10 (physicist-to-be). Pete is a (finally tenured!) Geology prof. at Keene State. B.J. also writes that "We're here for life and love New Hampshire (but still miss Canada)". B.J. would love to hear from any Class of 5 (or was it 6?!) alumni.

Beth Gable ('74) - Beth is the government information coordinator at the Nebraska Library Commission in Lincoln, Nebraska, which is the "State Library". She is responsible for the state documents depository program and the federal depository collection

Bettie Bayrak ('75) - Bettie writes that she and Don moved to Winnipeg in February 1991. She took the summer off then took a 20 week microcomputer course. She started working at Transport Canada - a "one-person-library" in June 1992 and "likes it!". Bettie was the 93/94 Vice-President of the Manitoba Chapter of CASLIS and took over as President in December 1993. Bettie also writes that she was selected for a permanent position by Revenue Canada to open up a new District Library in Winnipeg just as her Transport Canada job was posted for staffing permanently. Bettie said "stay tuned" and we're still waiting to hear....

Paula L'Hirondelle ('78) - Paula writes that she retired from active library services in 1987 in favour of full-time parenting. She married Gary in 1985 and has two children: Patrice 6 and Paul 3. Paula is also secretary

of the Red Deer Community Foundation, Secretary of the Alberta Public Libraries Directors' Council's MBS Consortium and a Literacy and Legacy Volunteer for Red Deer Public Library.

Marilyn Ming ('79) - Marilyn now works full time at the American International School in Lagos, Nigeria. She writes that it is a "great school and good to be back at work as a librarian".

Carol Elder ('82) - Carol has been the Manager of Technical Services at Surrey Public Library in New Westminster, B.C. for the last year with responsibility for the library's automated system. She writes that she is enjoying her work and the west coast life.

Jacqueline Girouard ('86) - Jacqueline is Head of Public Services for the Bibliotheque at the Faculte Saint-Jean, U of A. She has been working at the Bibliotheque seven years in May 1993. This year she was awarded tenure and also became a first-time grandmother on June 3 to Jacob. "What a great year", she writes.

Gail Walker ('93) - Gail had been working as a Level II, part-time library clerk at Castle Downs Library but as of January 24, 1994 she accepted a full-time Level III position at Edmonton Public Library's Londonderry and Calder branches. Gail writes that Level III is one level below a librarian and that she stands to gain valuable experience from this position.

Vivian Zenari ('93) - Vivian was hired by CAE Aviation Ltd. at the Edmonton International Airport as a librarian. She is also Secretary Treasurer of CASLIS Edmonton Chapter.

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