

## President's Column

The 1986 conference at St. Clair was a resounding success. Our congratulations and thanks are due to MDMLG and the members of the local arrangements subcommittees, who worked so hard to make the conference the best ever. We're really looking forward to the 1987 conference in Kalamazoo, for **Lynn Sorensen Sutton**, who was last year's Local Arrangements chair, is the new MHS�A president-elect/conference planning chair! Congratulations to her and to **Carol Graham**, our new treasurer, who will be serving two years, and to **Sharon Phillips**, our new secretary.

The 1987 conference planning is already well underway. It will be held at the Kalamazoo Hilton from October 13 - 16, so mark your calendars. The next year's meeting, for 1988, will be sponsored by the Valley Regional Health Sciences Librarians, who are in the process of choosing a convention site in the Saginaw/BayCity/Frankenmuth area. At the December meeting, the MHS�A board approved the 1989 meeting place and dates. Quick action was necessary in order to secure a spot for us at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island for September 13-16. Don't worry: their convention rates are very reasonable! Meeting a month earlier than usual will work out well for us, as the weather and autumn leaves will be at their best in mid-September, as compared to mid-October.

Most, if not all, of the MHS�A committees have already met and begun work. The Ad Hoc Grants committee, for instance, has sent out their survey to determine the potential interest in and support available for a grant to obtain telefacsimile machines for Michigan medical libraries. The Ad Hoc Survey committee is already working on the survey of Michigan medical libraries, which will give us a detailed look at our state's medical library facilities, staffing, services, salaries, resources and budgets. The ILL and Union List committees plan to work closely with GMRMLN and MDMLG in order to meet the challenge of bringing up DOCLINE and managing the state's biomedical document delivery network.

All of the MHS�A committees welcome your suggestions and your membership. For those of you who may not have been asked to serve: please volunteer now by calling me or the chair of the committee you're interested in. For

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## Announcements . . .

- Hurley Medical Center announces that **Gwendolyn Halford** has joined the staff as the librarian for their Community Health Information Library.
- **Lynn Sorensen Sutton** has accepted a position as Director of Libraries at Harper-Grace Hospitals, Harper Hospital Division. Her new phone number is 745-1441.
- **Glenda Evans** has been hired as the Librarian for the new Community Health Information Center, Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo. Glenda has a Masters in Library Science from Western Michigan University and has been an employee at Bronson for seven years, most recently as library technician in the Health Sciences Library. The Community Health Information Center is scheduled to open in February and will provide information on health and illness for all people in Kalamazoo and surrounding communities.

## Forthcoming MDMLG Meetings:

- Tuesday, January 13, 1987  
Children's Hospital of Michigan; Detroit  
Topic: Demystifying Government Documents
- Tuesday, March 10, 1987  
Detroit Osteopathic Hospital; Detroit  
(All Day Session)  
Topic: Morning - Long-Range Planning Session  
Lunch  
Afternoon - Planning Library Facilities
- Thursday, May 7, 1987  
Bon Secours Hospital; Grosse Pointe  
Topic: Consumer Health Information
- Thursday, July 23, 1987  
Addison Oaks  
Summer Luncheon
- Thursday, September 10, 1987  
Oakwood Hospital; Dearborn  
Topic: Costing Out Services



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those of you who have volunteered, especially the chairpersons: thank you on behalf of MHSLA.

If you have any suggestions, complaints, or questions about MHSLA or its activities, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached c/o the Saginaw Health Sciences Library, Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals, Inc., 1000 Houghton Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48602 or by calling 517 / 771-6846. Have a good new year!

—Stephanie C. John

## Post-Conference Evaluation Report

"Excellent" was the consensus of two thirds of the participants in the 1986 annual conference who filled out evaluations. Some of the highlights of the meeting for the respondents were **Kate Butler**, the keynote speaker; **Herb White's** C.E. course on management communication and the sunset boat cruise on the *Wayward Princess*.

Most of the programs offered were rated excellent or good by more than half of the participants. The ideas of having contributed papers and media festivals at future MHSLA meetings were both highly favored.

The St. Clair Inn accommodations were also a source of approval among the respondents. The American Plan was favored by many.

Some of the comments received were:

*"Congratulations on a fine meeting."*

*"Couldn't have been better organized."*

*"The local arrangements committee did a great job and everything was planned beautifully."*

*"The flow of the conference was perfect. I had just enough stimulation, too much food, and easy access to information."*

*"Best one yet!"*

## Ad Hoc Grants Committee TELEFAX PROPOSAL

Survey forms are being mailed to Michigan hospitals; these forms will provide essential data, which will enable the MHSLA Grants Committee to prepare a proposal to fund telefacsimile machines for Michigan hospital libraries. The purpose of the proposal is to improve document delivery and thus enhance patient care, clinical decision making and education. We urge your prompt response to this survey so that a grant proposal can be submitted in the spring of 1987.

## Helen Howley Steele

### Our First Archivist — 1980 - 1986

Helen was our first MHSLA archivist and deserves a lot of credit for her efforts in collecting and organizing our associations records of past activities. When one looks at the archives it is quite apparent that she really took her job seriously as evidenced by the meticulous manner in which the files are organized. These records are not just stored away gathering dust because Helen has preserved materials that are frequently being accessed for information that is assisting us in making plans for the future.

MHSLA has quite a diversity of records and a good archivist has to be historically sensitive in order to be able to determine which records are worthy of preservation. An archivist also needs to have the ability to organize and identify materials so that it is easy for others to access. Helen has these qualities plus the willingness to have spent many hours of hard work to accomplish her task. Our many thanks go to Helen for the fruits of her labors.

## N L M TASK FORCE REPORTS

The Task Force for Health Professionals, composed of physicians, met for the first time to discuss their informations and provide feedback to NLM. Some of their responses follow:

- They felt that end user searching was too time consuming. They lack basic computer knowledge and are unwilling to deal with computers. Their expertise (even with training) was not adequate. Cost is not now a factor, they would absorb it or pass it on to the patient. They suggest that NLM research the use/impact of end user searching on physician's office.
- The single most important factor in their approaching a librarian or physician to obtain information for problem solving is having personal knowledge of the person they're dealing with.
- Electronic publishing doesn't interest them. Getting articles faster, before they're printed isn't beneficial. They're generally behind in their reading.
- They would really like to have an artificial intelligence system to problem solve and assist with diagnosis.
- The task force suggested that NLM produce a video program describing modern library services and how to access them for both practicing physicians and residents.



## GMRMLN Reports on DOCLINE

Figures from GMRMLN show that only 50% of Michigan's eligible libraries have signed up for DOCLINE as of yet. There is still time to send in your applications. The more libraries that sign up, the more successful the system will be.

GMRMLN will continue producing a union list for the present. This may change in a few years after DOCLINE is in steady use.

The figures on libraries participating in DOCLINE are shown in the accompanying chart.

State	LIBRARIES PARTICIPATING IN DOCLINE			
	#Eligible Libraries	#Active Libraries	Percent In State	Percent In Region
IL	114	31	27%	7%
IN	28	14	50%	3%
KY	21	4	19%	1%
MI	98	49	50%	10%
MN	52	21	40%	4%
OH	67	38	57%	8%
ND	12	5	42%	1%
SD	14	10	71%	3%
WI	67	40	60%	9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>45%</b>

## SURVEY COMMITTEE

MHSLA President Stephanie John has appointed an Ad Hoc Survey Committee. The goal of the committee is to survey hospital libraries in Michigan to gather data on services offered, size of book, Journal and audiovisual collections, staffing, budget, computer hardware/software availability, telefacsimile availability, and other factors of interest to MHSLA members and committees.

The goals of the MHSLA Statewide Hospital Library Survey are as follows:

1. Collect data on hospital/medical libraries in the state of Michigan to assist MHSLA members:
  - a. Justify budgets / manpower / service levels.
  - b. Compare their libraries with libraries of similar size easily and efficiently.
2. Assist MHSLA Committees in gathering data needed to make decisions / share information with the membership:
  - a. Automation
  - b. Legislation
  - c. Grants / Alternative Funding
3. Enhance the professional status of MHSLA by gathering and publishing data significant to our membership and other library associations.
4. Market, broadcast, "spread the word" about the existence and goals of MHSLA to potential members.

The survey will be divided into two general sections. The first section will be for confidential data gathering and identity of the respondent will remain anonymous. This section will contain information on budget, salary ranges, general hospital budget and bed size of the institution so that MHSLA members can acquire essential information for budget justification. The second section will be used to develop directories of audiovisual and computer hardware/software and telefacsimile equipment. The

respondents name and address will be requested along with make and model of equipment so we can consult one another regarding equipment purchase and application.

The committee members are:

**Dina Nameth**, Chair, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit  
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**Deborah Adams**, Botsford General Hospital,  
Farmington Hills

**Leslie Behm**, Michigan State University, E. Lansing

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**Heidi Koch**, Chelsea Community Hospital, Chelsea

**Nancy Nicholson**, Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals,  
Saginaw

The committee is currently working on assessing the needs of MHSLA members and committees regarding the kind of information which should be collected. We would like the membership to feel free to call any committee member with suggestions regarding data you would like gathered via the survey. Also, please send copies of any library surveys you may have on file to Committee Chairman **Dina Nameth** at Henry Ford Hospital. The first draft of the questionnaire will be written during February and March, 1987, so please respond as soon as possible.

### SUBMISSION DEADLINES FOR MHSLA NEWSLETTER

Friday, April 17

Friday, July 10

Friday, September 11



# Legislation Chair Urgently Needed

We're looking for a self-starting individual who is interested in coordinating MHSLA's response to library-related legislation, especially the proposed second White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services for 1989. (This is the perfect job for someone who wants to get involved with MHSLA but can't travel.) The legislation committee keeps MHSLA's members informed about current library legislation and writes letters to concerned legislators on our behalf. For a job description and list of the 1987 goals, please contact Stephanie John at 517 / 771-6846 or c/o the Saginaw Health Sciences Library, 1000 Houghton Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48602.

# Anniversary at Hurley

Hurley Hospital's Hamady Health Sciences Library recently celebrated its 10th anniversary. The occasion was celebrated with an open house and a special presentation. The library staff baked cookies and breads and served them with lemonade and coffee in the classroom next door.

The Hamady Health Sciences Library has been in its present location since 1976. Funded by a donation from the Hamady family, the library was named after the grocery chain founder, Michael H. Hamady.

The medical library was started in 1938 with the donation of Dr. Joshua Manwaring's extensive medical library, which included over 1,000 volumes. Dr. Manwaring was a prominent Flint surgeon. Other doctors and the Flint public library also donated volumes.

The library now has over 9,000 circulating volumes, including collections in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, biomedical science and administration.

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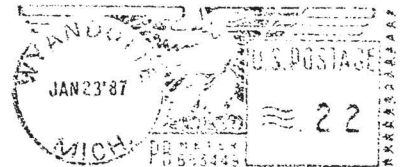
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