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President's Column

I attended the 1996 MHA Annual Corporate Membership meeting June 26-28 on Mackinac Island. The focus was "Value-Centered Vision" and was designed to help members step back, take a deep breath in the midst of the whirlwind, and focus on why they exist.

Communities count on hospitals and health systems to teach them to prevent disease, maintain healthy lifestyles, and restore them to health after injury or illness. Leaders in the health care field must ensure that these expectations are met.

Our role, as information professionals, will be to ensure that health care leaders realize we can be partners in providing the information they will need to meet those expectations.

The continuing education program on "Collaboration: The Heart of Community Health Care" stressed that hospitals, physicians, and other health care providers will need to work collaboratively to ensure that the right kind of health care is developed in the right way, with positive outcomes, by staying focused on the needs, problems, and concerns of the community.

We must be participants in that collaboration by changing with the needs of health care. Our focus in the future may change from being information providers to information traffic cops, pointing the way for others to find the information they require easily. We need to emphasize our abilities as collection developers and stress that our development skills are not limited to print resources.

The conference was an interesting experience, there was very little in the way of formal education but a lot of networking. Our administrators seem to understand that both methods provide needed information, why do we feel or that expect, that we have to justify every moment of our conferences with CE courses?

Personally, I have learned a lot from talking with other more experienced, and/or more skilled, librarians, perhaps more than from formal courses, and I am always sorry when there isn't sufficient time to interact with others. That is probably why our poster sessions are popular, it's a way of finding out what is being done in other hospitals informally and quickly.

We are all trying to develop a vision of what the future will hold, you and I will benefit from our relationships to help us find our way. Surviving the whirlwind of changing health care will be challenging. Librarians will never be the same again, or other's expectations of us and what we offer. That is not necessarily a bad thing, but certainly an unsettling one to match the health care atmosphere.

Melba J. Moss

Kudos

The Award for Excellence and Achievement in Hospital Librarianship

The award was established in 1989 and recognizes a hospital librarian who demonstrates excellence in significant accomplishment, continuing contributions to the profession, and leadership.

Michelle Klein, AHIP, Director of Library Services, Children's Hospital of Michigan, Detroit, is MLA's 1996 Hospital Librarian of the Year. Michelle's contributions include service on the *Ad hoc* Panel of Hospital Librarians in 1993, leading her library to become one of only four hospital libraries to join the Detroit Area Library Network, served as president of the Midwest Chapter and chair of the MLA *News* Editorial Committee, and has received two recognition awards from the Hospital Library Section.

Medical Library Association Ida and George Eliot Prize

Michelle Klein (Children's Hospital), Deborah Adams (Botsford Gen. Hospital), Faith Van Toll Ross (Northwestern University), and Carole Gilbert (Providence Hospital) have received the Medical Library Association Ida and George Eliot Prize for distinguished published article for 1996. The article entitled "Effect of Literature Searching on Length of Stay and Patient Care Costs" was based on original research and was published in *Academic Medicine* June 1994.

Archivist Needed

Bill Nelton from the Michigan Department of Public Health is a long-standing member of MHSLA and has been our archivist for many years. Regretfully I must inform you that Bill will be stepping down from the archivist position on our MHSLA Board as of the end of this fiscal year. I would like your assistance in finding someone who would be willing to take the position. If you or someone you know would be willing to serve as MHSLA archivist, please call Debbie Adams at (810) 471-8434 or email me at dadams@cms.cc.wayne.edu. Thank you very much for your help.

Call for Committee Participation

This is a call for anyone interested in working on an MHSLA committee. Working on a committee provides you with an opportunity to get to know your colleagues and MHSLA a little better. For those of you who are AHIP certified, this also provides you with credit toward recertification. The committees are listed below. Please contact Debbie Adams at (810) 471-8516 or dadams@cms.cc.wayne.edu

Annual Reports

Committee chairs need to have their annual report to Leslie M. Behm, A137 Clinical Center Library, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824 **no later than August 25, 1996**. It needs to be on letterhead if you have some. If not, then make sure the top and left margins are 2.5 inches.

Grants Awarded to Eight Libraries

Awards have been made for the second round of the MHSLA Internet Connections Grant. Eight libraries received awards for a projected total of \$3050. The money is being used to for high-speed modems, internet accounts, software, and training. The recipients are:

- Health Sciences Library, Ionia County Memorial Hospital*
- Hamady Health Sciences Library, Hurley Medical Center*
- Library Services, Garden City Hospital*
- Medical Library, Hotel Dieu Hospital of St. Joseph*
- Health Science Library, Saratoga Community Hospital*
- Health Sciences Library, Portage Health System*
- Detroit Psychiatric Institute*
- Health Information Center, Marquette General Hospital*

Save on MLC Internet Accounts

MHSLA is negotiating with the Michigan Library Consortium to provide Internet accounts for \$199 per year. A final agreement should be arranged by August 15, 1996. All new accounts, and renewals after the date of the agreement, will qualify for the new rate.

MLC's Internet account provides full Internet capabilities such as E-mail, World Wide Web, Usenet, telnet and ftp. In addition, the account includes space on MLC's web server to put your own Web pages. MHSLA members need to be institutional members of MLC to obtain an MLC Internet account. You can also obtain Internet accounts for other people in your organization through MLC.

MLC's phone number is 1-800-530-9019.

Binding Unlimited, Inc. Tours

Please take advantage of your time in Lansing, MI. (September 11-13) and visit Binding Unlimited, Inc. The staff at Binding Unlimited would like to give you a personal guided tour of the plant and answer questions about the binding process. Binding Unlimited has been serving Michigan libraries since 1898. If interested, please contact Eric Fairfield or Mike Franks. **800/782-4502 or 517/484-4501.**

And now for some fun.

WEEKLY WYANDOTTE NEWS

FORTY YEARS IN THE MAKING

Volume 40, Number 40

ALIEN ABDUCTION

E.T. accuses Diane O'Keefe of annually kidnapping him and performing medical experiments on him for FORTY YEARS!

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PREDICTED O'KEEFE'S 40TH BIRTHDAY WITH A QUATRAIN:

IN THE YEAR OF THE COMET
THE ANCIENT LIBRARIAN
OLDER THAN THE HILLS
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MISSING LINK FOUND

After **FOUR DECADES** of intensive searching from the paintball fields of Michigan to the NASA Spacecamp in Alabama, the Royal Commission on Ancient Humans today announced the discovery of a living example of a species which resembles both ape and human. Born **40 Years** ago, this "Missing Link" was reported using the alias of Conan the Librarian on a "JEOPARDY" rerun. It turns out that her real name is **Diane O'Keefe**. A reliably witness recently spotted her in Southgate!

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ANOTHER ROYAL SCANDAL!

Prince Charles says ...
"TWO SCORE YEARS seems like
forever to wait for O'Keefe."

His new Lady Di?

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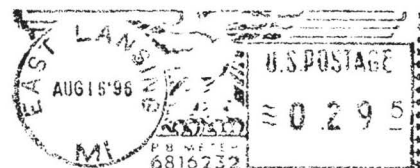
COMET O'KEEFE

... said to be
OLDER than our
Solar System.
Named For Antiquated
Astronaut Wannabe

DIANE SIGHTING: *ELVIS says he saw her pumping gas in Southgate!*

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