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## President's Column

You should have received the preliminary announcement about our 1997 MHSLA Annual Educational Conference by now. The setting at the Dearborn Inn is beautiful and Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum are right around the corner. The conference is a very economical way to get both a formal CE course and also CE credits from the daily workshops. Networking with your colleagues at the state conference is also much more practical and fruitful than at the larger national conferences. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

I just received word that the Federal government, under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, will be offering subsidized telecommunications services for libraries (including medical). The program is called the Universal Service Fund (USF). Several organizations will be providing information, including the Michigan Library Consortium, the Library of Michigan, and the Merit network. Potential savings on telecommunication services range from 20% to 90% and the proposal is to base the discount you may receive on the percentage your school system uses the Federal lunch program. Merit and the other organizations are holding an informational meeting at Central Michigan University on May 15. For more information about the USF and the May 15 meeting, visit the Merit web site at <http://www.merit.edu> or call one of the other organizations. The fund is \$2.25 billion per year for the entire United States and will be distributed on a

first-come, first-served basis. This program has the potential to save our libraries money on Internet access but you must be prepared to act quickly.

Deborah Adams

## Information, Innovation, Illumination

MHSLA's 24th Annual Educational Conference is coming upon us fast. The dates have been set, September 10-12, 1997. The location has been decided, the Dearborn Inn, one of only four four-star hotels in Michigan. The theme of this year's conference will be *Information, Innovation, Illumination*. The educational portion of the program has now been determined.

Wednesday, registrants will have an opportunity to choose one of two continuing education courses. Both courses are 7-8 contact hours of MLA or SLA credit. Randy Bauer, President of Leadership Training Associates, will be teaching the class "Building Assertiveness for Professional and Personal Success". This course will cover topics including success through assertion, power and politics, negotiation, creating an information audit and dealing with chaos. The second offering is from JCAHO and is entitled "Practical Strategies for Implementing Management of Information Standards". Both classes should prove to be illuminating and informative.

Thursday morning begins with Dearborn

Inn's "Signature Continental" breakfast followed by Dr. Mika, from Wayne State University, as the keynote speaker, then the annual Business Meeting. After the meeting has concluded members may stroll through the exhibit area viewing the wares of the vendors and the posters of the members. Around noon, conference goers have a choice of lunch on their own or attending the MACHIS meeting (a box lunch may be purchased at the time of registration). In the afternoon there is a choice of Ann Donahue from the Library of Michigan presenting "Internet Policies and Providing Internet Access: Security & Logistics with Netscape" or Joseph Mika from Wayne State University and Marianne Hertzell, executive Director, Michigan Library Association, speaking on the "Leadership Academy: Libraries and the Management Culture". Thursday evening's special event will be held at the historic Greenfield Village and will include horse-drawn carriage tours and dinner at the Eagle Tavern.

Friday morning has a choice of two concurrent sessions. The first session will be the "Virtual Journals Panel" chaired by Sandra Swanson. This panel will cover issues regarding electronic journals including costs, infrastructure, user resistance, document delivery and resource sharing. The second morning session will be "Computer Basics: Inside the PC". This session will give attendees an opportunity to examine the "guts" of the personal computer, how to take it apart, and more importantly, how to most it back together. Lunch will be served in the elegant Alexandria Ballroom. At lunch on Friday, a special treat from OVID Technologies "OVID Lunch and Learn". In the afternoon, Mark Crafton, Director, Health Care Quality, will be presenting on "MHA Aggregate Data Databases for JCAHO: External Knowledge." The second choice of the afternoon will be "SLA Knowledge Management: Getting Out of the Box." This 90 minute video will be facilitated by SLA speaker and author Linda McFadden of Watershed Strategies.

Registration forms will be in the mail soon. See you in September!!!

Joan Emahiser

## Preview of the 1997 MHSLA Educational Conference

Salute & Salutations to my fellow members:

As President-elect, I've been privy to the plans for this year's conference. Let me bring you up to date.

I knew that planning a conference was involved and this year has been no exception. The local arrangements co-chairpersons, Joan Emahiser and Diane O'Keefe, have been busy for more than a year. With multiple site options before them, the local group (MDMLG) wisely began planning early. Through a process of elimination, they narrowed the site to the Dearborn Inn, a "4-star" inn, which offered the MHSLA a discounted rate of \$109.00 (normal rates are \$144 for a single and \$150 for a double). While the price may seem high to some, considering the area and the caliber of the lodging, it is actually a good value. If you need to cut costs, you could double with a friend and reduce your lodging cost by splitting the charges (contact Chris Hunt if you need help finding another interested partner). Aside from its high quality lodging, the Dearborn Inn is also located close to the Ford Museum and Greenfield Village making them a feasible choice for our Thursday evening special activity - a horse-drawn carriage tour of Greenfield Village and dinner at the Eagle Tavern. Guest passes may be purchased at registration time. For those of you interested in shopping, Fairlane, a multi-story shopping complex is also within easy driving distance.

For our educational activities, Stephanie John, educational chair has put together a powerful and valuable combination of informational programs to stimulate our mental neurons and help in job performance & functionality. See the article "Information, Innovation, Illumination" for details on the specific classes.

Since past conference expenses have resulted in a loss of funds, our Executive Board has voted to raise the price of this year's conference fees to more properly reflect the cost of administering this undertaking. The conference even at the increased prices is still projected to lose money. The inclusive fee (for members only) is \$325.00. I know that this is a steep jump from last year, however, please remember that this does include the CE programs. Please remember that our CE programs are a bargain, at MLA, \$150.00 is the price for a four hour class and we are charging that for an eight hour class. Everyone that I know, (including myself) would like to get a bargain, and that is why we tried our best to put together a quality program. The rest of the new price breakdowns are as follows:

If only taking the:

	Members	Nonmembers
CE day	\$150.00	\$175.00
2nd day	\$100.00	\$125.00
3rd day	\$125.00	\$150.00

If attending the 2nd and 3rd day, the cost is \$215.00 for members, \$240.00 for non-members. I anticipate that all who do take part, will be informed, illuminated, and innovated. Watch for your registration packet in June.

## Call for Posters

The MHSLA Education Committee is calling for posters for a referred poster session to take place during the "Breakfast with the Vendors" session. We will be accepting only those posters that are on topics of interest to the majority of MHSLA members, of significant importance to our daily work, and with high-quality handouts. Proposals of 250 words or less describing how a proposed poster will meet the above requirements must be received by June 30, 1997. Send by mail, fax or email with brief C.V. to: Stephanie John, Saginaw Health Sciences Library, 1000 Houghton Avenue, Saginaw MI 48602-5398

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## Conference Highlight 1996 - Forty Plus

This piece is a brief analysis of the MHSLA 1996 conference "Capitalizing on Information". The title refers to the fact that librarianship, and most specifically health science librarianship, has been a mid-life career change for me. Sadly, it is also a comment on the time it has taken me to write this review (my apologies to the conference committee), I know what I wanted to say, and on a weekly basis I would review it in my mind. It was difficult concretizing it.

The most helpful and exciting part of the conference was listening to the stories (and tales of woe) of the conference participants. Thursday's activities, while interesting, appeared to be of more use to the active librarian. My interaction with vendors was minimal -- as I couldn't comment on what system my library uses, etc. I did take as much information as I could for future use. The Riverboat cruise disproved my sister's theory that librarians do not have a sense of humor. Friday's two workshops on marketing and non-medical resources provided some good information. I did, however, disagree with the image consultant about color. In order to work effectively, I find that I must be comfortable in my clothes no matter what color they are.

The crux of the difficulty I had is that for me (a student), the conference was interesting and confirmed my choice of a career change, but that it was fantasy land. I returned to Detroit with the knowledge that hospitals are merging and downsizing and that jobs are blowing in the wind. In spite of this, I will continue to pursue my dream.

Submitted by Nancy Rusin

## Evidence-Based Medicine for Librarians: Panning for Gold

Many residency programs and medical schools are switching to evidence-based medicine for teaching. The class filled in Seattle so M-MHSL will be sponsoring the MLA Class "Evidence-Based Medicine: Panning for Gold" on **June 13, 1997** at Michigan State University Libraries from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. Cost will be \$75.00.

Learn the principles of evidence-based medicine, an approach to clinical practice in which clinicians base their decisions and actions on appropriate evidence from health care research literature, in addition to expertise and patient circumstances. Discover the research approaches to the therapy, diagnosis, etiology, and prognosis of medical conditions and illness. Explore MEDLINE search approaches for retrieving these types of articles in a live demonstration.

Registration forms will be coming out right after MLA. For more information contact:

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## Room Mates for MHSLA Conference

Roommate matching arrangements, for the '97 conference, may be made by posting a message to the MHSLA Listserv at MHSLA@msu.edu, or for those without email access, by calling Chris Hunt at (313) 458-4311. Chris will post the message for you and will include your full mailing address and voice phone.

## Personnel/Institution News

### Sault Area Hospitals

Effective immediately the common identifier for the two hospitals in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario (the Sault Ste. Marie General Hospital and the Plummer Memorial Public Hospital) is to be the Sault Area Hospitals.

The libraries for the two hospitals were consolidated in 1994 into one location at the Plummer Hospital. With the adoption of the common identifier for the two hospitals the Plummer Hospital Library's mailing address is:

NEW: Sault Area Hospitals  
Health Sciences Library  
969 Queen Street East  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6A 2C4  
CANADA

OLD: Plummer Memorial Public  
Hospital  
The Library  
969 Queen Street East  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6A 2C4  
CANADA

Telephone number and the library's fax number remain the same:

Tel: 705/759-3434, Ext. 4368  
Fax: 705/759-3847

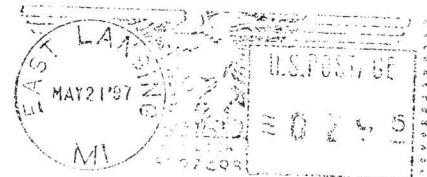
Contact person: Kathy You, Librarian  
internet: youkathy@soonet.ca

The Sault Ste. Marie General Hospital (catholic) and the Plummer Memorial Public Hospital (public) are in partnership arrangement and not in complete merger situation. There are still two separate boards of directors although they started having board meetings together rather than separately.

### Michigan Capital Medical Center

Michigan Capital Medical Center incorporating the John W. Chi Memorial Library, Greenlawn Campus (formerly Ingham Medical Center) and K.M. Baker Memorial Library, Penn Campus (formerly Lansing General Hospital) announces the consolidation of Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery Services. All ILL & DD services will now be provided from the Greenlawn Campus Chi Library, LIBID 48909B, OCLC Code ECI. Please remove Baker Library LIBID 48909A, and OCLC Code ECJ for your DOCLINE cells. MISHULS OCLC records will be up-to-date effective June 30, 1997. Because MCMC libraries are now processing over 1,000 ILLs a month, we ask that you move the Chi Library to the highest cell immediately before charging libraries in your DOCLINE cells. We would prefer to have request voluntarily fall in numbers than to resort to charging for ILL services. Please feel free to contact: Judy Barnes at 517/334-2270 with questions or concerns.

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