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## A message from MHSLA President Melanie Bednarski

Well, I have one meeting under my belt. Well, that's not quite accurate. I have a botched meeting under my belt. Hey, no one objected when I volunteered to become President in Mount Pleasant. Perhaps it was the thought of gambling that had you all take the risk. I promise to do better next time. (I had a death in the family just before the meeting.)

As I stated in Flint, the Eastern Regional Health Sciences Library Association (ERHSLA) has disbanded with the conclusion of any conference 2015 business. I for one am excited to join with Mid-Michigan and start a new partnership. I know some other members are looking forward to having more people to connect with as well.

As for conferences and rotations, as I said in Flint, I hope to have a conference committee not based on geographical location, but based on those really wanting to put forth the effort. I hope to have people you enjoy some aspects of conference planning and get new ideas and people involved in the planning. Planning for MHSLA 2016 conference in Novi is well underway and MDMLG is hosting. For 2017, Merle Rosenzweig is chairing our joint conference with the Midwest chapter of MLA. This is a great opportunity for all of MHSLA to band together and prove that a conference committee is possible and successful.

I encourage anyone looking for an opportunity to get involved with MHSLA to start with the MHSLA 2017 conference. There are so many opportunities; liaison for an educational class, liaison for a speaker, help with conference center arrangements, help with food planning, the list goes on and on.

Here's to a great 2016!

Your fearless leader,  
Melanie Bednarski



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## *MHSLA 2015 Annual Conference - Three perspectives*

Following are the reports from three of the scholarship winners from our Annual conference this past September.

### **MHSLA 2015 Conference: New Member Perspective**

Betsy Williams  
Health Professions Liaison Librarian  
Grand Valley State University

David Letterman retired, but his “Top 10” list will always be a part of our culture. I thought it would be a good way to relate my experiences as the new member scholarship winner. Without further ado, here is my “Top 10” list of favorite things from the 2015 MHSLA annual conference:

- 10 Networking! Meeting new people and building relationships was time well spent.
- 9 Draw MD and other cool new technology presented by Gabriel Rios and Melissa DeSantis.
- 8 Science based medicine poster presented by Abe Wheeler. I can use some of his ideas with my Physicians Assistant students.
- 7 Speed dating with Emily Ginier and learning about her systematic review videos.
- 6 Volunteer opportunities, especially for the 2017 joint conference with Midwest Chapter MLA.
- 5 Formative assessment techniques presented by Joey Nicholson.
- 4 Food Part 1! The vendors fed us well for breakfast, lunch, and breaks. Many thanks to McGraw-Hill, Wiley, EBSCO, and Ovid/Wolters Kluwer Health.
- 3 Food Part 2! Fun times at the Farmer’s Market, cooking demonstration, and dinner. The food was delicious, and the individual cheesecakes were big enough for a family of four. I can’t believe I ate the whole thing!
- 2 “Monkey Mind”. My mind wanders. A lot. It’s good to know I’m normal. Thank you, Dr. Ferrari!
- 1 Networking! As a new member, and fairly new Michigan resident, networking with

colleagues deserves two spots on my list!

Thank you for funding my first MHSLA conference through the new member scholarship. I learned a lot, made some great new connections, and look forward to the 2016 conference!

*Betsy Williams*

### **Expanding Our Roots at the MHSLA 2015 Conference**

Toni Janik, MLIS, AHIP  
Library Coordinator, Health Sciences Library  
Windsor Regional Hospital Ouellette Campus

What a delight it was to receive notification that I had been selected to be awarded the MHSLA Member's Conference Scholarship to attend this year's conference. I've been a member of MHSLA for as many years as I've been a Health Sciences Librarian (and that's quite a few, going on four decades now) and I've always looked forward to the annual conference as an event to connect with new ideas, connect with colleagues and see what they have been doing in their libraries, become inspired by the key note speakers and become re-energized with new approaches and concepts when I return to my home library. This year was no exception. Our hosts from ERHSLA created a wonderful conference experience at the University of Michigan-Flint.

Thursday was a very full day, packed to the brim, and was kicked off with the Breakfast Dine and Learn. Great chance to meet old friends and new while hearing about new features and product availability. So nice to have this chance at conferences as questions and comments from other librarians sparks ideas and solutions that may a great fit for my library.

The keynote speaker Dr. Thomas Ferrari invited us to a tour of the theories of consciousness and lucid dreaming for personal growth and healing in his presentation "Varieties of Consciousness." For me this was a different perspective and new ways of looking at issues are definitely a great way to stretch our minds and how we think. The afternoon had a great mix of programming with the GMR Update, Speed Dating on the topic of Embedded Librarianship, the Poster Presentations and time with the vendors to see new products, connect with our sales and support teams for the products we do purchase and discuss with fellow members how they are using and supporting a particular product in their library. A great day of new ideas, support, and renewed energy to bring back and tap into back in my library.

The Thursday night Special Event was fabulous!!! The foodie in me loved the cooking demo and enjoyed the feast that the chefs made for us. Course two was the specialty chai tea in a footed MHSLA mug followed by a wonderful main course and a mouthwatering dessert. Special thanks to the event planners for accommodating all the special diets throughout the conference. The effort you put forth to ensure we enjoyed our experience was very much appreciated.

A great choice of Continuing Education courses were presented on Friday. Lots of diversity of topics and I found it easy to choose two to add to my course credits and knowledge base. For me the “Measuring What Matters to Stakeholders” and “Instructional Design” classes provided techniques and insights that have made a difference.

So you ask “What was the best part” of the conference? All of it. The connections, the realization of possibilities, opportunities to share ideas, learn, and enjoy all that is the annual MHSLA experience. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone next year in Novi, October 12-14, when MDMLG hosts the 2016 MHSLA conference.

Cheers to all who made this year’s conference such a great experience.

*Toni Janik*

**The Diane LeBar Memorial Scholarship---a testament to her commitment  
to librarian empowerment.**

Diana Balint  
Beaumont Health, Trenton, Southshore Campus.

It was my honor to receive support from this scholarship to attend the MHSLA 2016 conference held in Flint. This scholarship funds the conference fee, housing, and mileage costs of the individual attending.

In these days of budget constraints, this scholarship is a necessary and valuable testament to the memory of Diane LeBar as she always believed in continuing education by her actions and support for our organizational activities. She held office and gave her time to both MHSLA and MDMLG.

I took advantage of the opportunity to attend the Friday morning class in ‘Emerging Technologies for the Busy Librarian’ presented by Gabriel Rios and Melissa DeSantis. This excellent class should be retitled ‘Epiphanies for the Busy Librarian’ as it is testament to the rapid and startling changes in technology that we librarians must deal with. Our patrons use these new technologies and we must keep current or be left standing by the roadside.

Although Diane left us much too soon, she will be remembered for her professionalism, her excellence in librarianship, and her willingness to step forward to assist MHSLA and her colleagues. I thank her family for providing the funding of this scholarship which is something Diane would certainly have approved.

*Diana Balint*

## ***Article published by MHSLA member!***

Toni Janik, MLIS, AHIP, and Drs. Jerry Tan, S. Knezevic, S. Boyal and B. Waterman recently published an article in the July 17, 2015 issue of *Journal of Cutaneous Medicine and Surgery* titled, "Evaluation of Evidence for Acne Remission with Oral Isotretinoin Cumulative Dosing of 120-150 mg/kg."

The full reference is:

Tan J., Knezevic S., Boyal S., Waterman B., and Janik T. ( 2015 July 17). Evaluation of Evidence for Acne Remission with Oral Isotretinoin Cumulative Dosing of 120-150 mg/kg. *Journal of Cutaneous Medicine and Surgery* . pii: 1203475415595776. [Epub ahead of print]

## ***Looking Ahead: 2017 MHSLA/Midwest MLA Joint Meeting***

The 2017 Midwest MLA Chapter's Annual Meeting will be a joint meeting with the Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association (MHSLA) and will be held at the [Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dtwys-ann-arbor-marriott-ypsilanti-at-eagle-crest/) (<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dtwys-ann-arbor-marriott-ypsilanti-at-eagle-crest/>) in October 2017.

Merle Rosenzweig (oriley@umich.edu) is the coordinator for the meeting and she is beginning to enlist volunteers for various committees. You do not need to be a member of Midwest MLA or MHSLA to work on a committee.

To sign up to serve on one or more of the committees access the following URL:

[https://umich.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_38W0rrbI9hJpofX](https://umich.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_38W0rrbI9hJpofX)

The charge for each of the committees is listed below:

- Conference Co-coordinator assists the conference coordinator by liaising with the various committees.
- Finance and Budget develops budget, approves expenses for payment by the Chapter Treasurer.
- Exhibits recruits vendors to exhibit at conference or support the conference through financial contributions or sponsorships.
- Registration handles database of attendees and coordinate name badges and materials given to attendees at the meeting.
- Program/Speakers develops a theme and works with speakers.
- Program/Papers coordinate papers submitted for presentation at the meeting.
- Program/Posters coordinate posters submitted for presentation at the meeting.
- Continuing Education coordinates the offering of MLA accredited CE courses, with the number of offerings and schedule determined by the hosting group
- Publicity distributes information about the conference and the host city through the conference website, chapter listserv, newsletters.
- Hospitality/Social Events coordinate social event(s).
- Hospitality/Local Information provide local information.
- Hospitality/Food work with the hotel on menus.
- Technology/a-v assistance assists with a-v needs of CE, speakers, and exhibitors

## *Health & Wellness to Go Tote Program*

<http://www.munsonhealthcare.org/health-and-wellness-to-go>



The Munson Community Health Library (CHL), in collaboration with the Grand Traverse County Senior Center Network (GTSCN), was awarded a Community Engagement award from NNLM/GMR to develop a health and wellness tote program. The intent of the program is to strengthen partnerships with community-based organizations as well as offer an outreach program to specific populations. In addition, the program will promote the role of the health information professional and the CHL in the delivery of health information.

The program provides bundled health information in a tote to senior citizens in the Grand Traverse region. The totes contain a variety of health resources, aides and tools that focus on diseases and conditions prevalent in the Grand Traverse region, identified in the Munson Healthcare Community Needs Assessment, and in Healthy People 2020. CHL staff consulted with clinical experts from Munson to determine which resources to include in each tote. Contents include books, DVD's, a list of selected library resources and links to local, regional, state, and national organizations, helping aids/tools, a description of the pack contents, a program evaluation form, and promotional items from the CHL and GTSCN. The totes are available for check-out or in-house use at the CHL and five GTSCN locations (Fife Lake, Interlochen, Kingsley, Traverse City, and Williamsburg).

The CHL worked with the Munson Corporate Communications Department to develop a marketing and publicity plan. The success of the project will be determined by tracking metrics that analyze the use of totes, evaluation form responses, as well as anecdotal input from users.

The tote program was launched on Monday, December 14th and the response has been very positive. The CHL is considering partnering with public libraries in the region and expanding the program to include other diseases and conditions.

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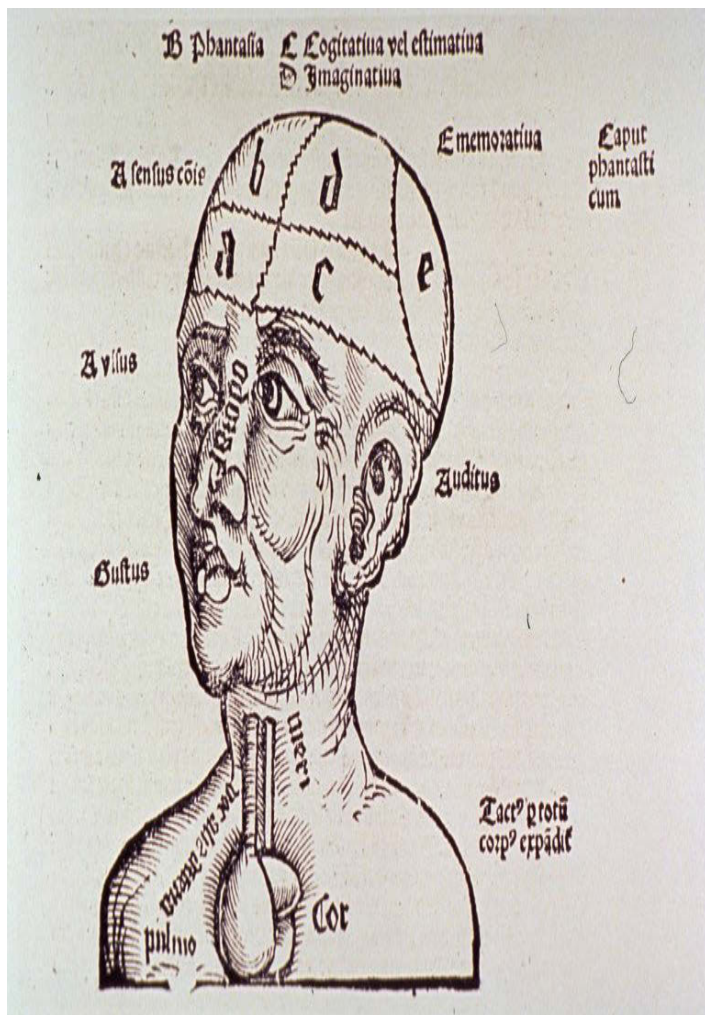
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