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President's Corner

by Sheila Bryant,

Greetings all,

I hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather. It is about halfway through my term as MHSLA President and it has been an interesting journey up to this point. I'm learning quite a bit and it has given me a chance to step out of my comfort zone. I'm not really one for taking the lead on things, but we all must do what needs to be done. I'm sure the second half will be just as interesting if not more so. Keeping with the digital age, the association has decided to digitize the archives, which will be taking place at Ferris State in the next couple of months (Thanks Maureen).

As we continue to prepare for the annual conference in October, we need to keep in mind the future of our organization. The reasons and the need for what we do as Health Science Librarians hasn't changed, but because of economic uncertainty it is becoming more difficult to prove our worth to our organizations. Since we are all having the same issues we need to continue to support our state association to assist each other as we navigate through these hard times.

I understand that we are all busy with work and personal lives. Many of us are unsure if we will even have a job in the near future. I understand that times are hard for everyone. Which is why we need people to step up and volunteer to keep our organization alive. MHSLA cannot survive if people don't participate. If you are not currently involved please ask how you can become involved, believe me we can find something for you to do in the association. For instance, we currently don't have a chair for the Research Committee. I'm sure some of you out there have a great idea or project that would be just perfect for the research committee, let us know



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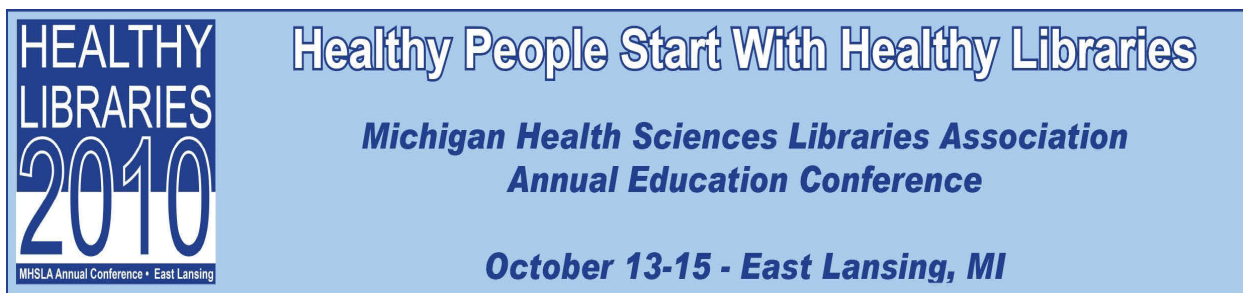
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about it. We just ask for a little of your time and effort.

Unfortunately both institutional and personal memberships are down this year, which is understandable considering our economic climate. With personal membership dues only \$15.00 a year that is an incredible bargain compared to other associations. Our annual conference is probably the best deal I've seen anywhere, but I'll save my spiel on that for the next issue.

Here is your chance to participate and make a difference. Nominations are currently being accepted for executive board positions. Take a chance and throw your hat into the ring. The meetings take place in Lansing every other month but due to technology you can join us without having to leave the comfort of your workplace. What is three hours out of one day every other month? Not to mention it looks really good on your resume or CV, and you can earn AHIP points. Please nominate someone or even yourself for the upcoming elections. If everyone does a little we can continue to keep our association strong.

If you have any ideas, comments, or questions, please feel free to contact any board member or me. Why don't you sit in on a board meeting and check things out for yourself, you're always welcome. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.
Sheila

A blue banner with white and dark blue text. On the left is a logo for 'HEALTHY LIBRARIES 2010' with 'MHSLA Annual Conference • East Lansing' below it. The main text reads: 'Healthy People Start With Healthy Libraries', 'Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association', 'Annual Education Conference', and 'October 13-15 - East Lansing, MI'.

Save the Date for MHSLA 2010

The 2010 MHSLA Annual Education Conference will be held October 13-15, 2010 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. Please visit the conference website for important conference information: <http://mhsla2010.wordpress.com/>.

The 2010 Conference theme, "Healthy Libraries 2010", will be prominent throughout the conference program. We hope you'll join us for the many valuable educational and networking opportunities that will help keep you and your library vibrant and healthy.

If you have questions about the 2010 MHSLA Conference, please don't hesitate contacting: Heidi Schroeder, Local Arrangements Chair (hschroed@msu.edu) or Mike Simmons, 2010 Conference Chair (simmon11@msu.edu).

Fall Education Conference

Marilyn S. Kostrzewski

Where can I get MLA CE credits I can afford? When can I network with my colleagues in a relaxed atmosphere? How can I learn more about what is new and exciting in the Health Science Library Arena?

You can do it all at the October 13 – 15 MHSLA Education Conference being held in Lansing at the Kellogg Conference Center on the beautiful campus of Michigan State University.

Two of the continuing education classes are the same as those offered at MLA in May (Magnet Hospital Designation and Gaining Leadership Skills). However, for less than the price of one CE at MLA, full registration will include the opportunity to choose among nineteen (19) CE credits, two concurrent sessions, a keynote presentation, welcome reception, vendor exhibits, a great special event plus the return of the highly rated Pecha Kucha presentations. Other topics include technology tools, using the Internet successfully, PubMed, Instructional Methods and Networking Partners Updates (GMR & MCLS). Of course the networking is INVALUABLE!!

Please plan to join your colleagues for HEALTHY LIBRARIES 2010: Healthy People Start with Healthy Libraries

Pecha Kucha Retrurns!

Jennifer Barlow

Back by popular demand, Pecha Kucha will be offered at the 2010 MHSLA conference in East Lansing. Pecha Kucha is a simple presentation format: 20 images are shown for 20 seconds each. Each presenter has 6 minutes and 40 seconds to make an impact. This fast-paced format keeps slide shows from getting bogged down in endless narrative.

We need participants! Presentations can be on any topic that interests you: a work project recently completed or currently underway; a burning issue in medical librarianship; a new resource or cool tool you are using. Anything worth sharing with your colleagues.

Last year in Holland, the Pecha Kucha lineup included:

Library Fail.com by Diana Balint

My Journey Through Downsizing by Jennifer Barlow

Tackling Board Appointments by Melanie Bednarski

You're in CADL Country, "Pardner" by Eunice Borrelli

Nursing Point of Care Tools : The HDGH Experience by Toni Janik

Pyramidal Perspectives by Michael Simmons

The Incredible Shrinking Library by Sandra E. Swanson

Michigan Health Go Local and MedlinePlus: the Ultimate Consumer Health Collection by Jill Turner

It was a lively and enjoyable session. Let's make this year just as good. Start thinking now about what you have to say. For background on the Pecha Kucha format, and some stunning examples, go to <http://www.pecha-kucha.org>. To sign up as a presenter, contact Jennifer Barlow at 269-226-6875 or jenniferbarlow@borgess.com.



Apply for Scholarships to the MHSLA Annual Conference

by Beth Trapp

The MHSLA Education Committee is accepting applications for scholarships to the annual conference. The scholarship includes three days of conference registration and two nights lodging October 13th and 14th at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, MI, meetings, workshops, CE's, meals and mileage.

Three scholarships will be awarded: one to a current MHSLA member who has not previously attended an annual conference, and one from each of the graduate library schools in Michigan. Preference will be given to students concentrating in health sciences librarianship. Scholarship awardees are expected to assist at the registration/hospitality desk, and to write a brief summary of their conference experience for the MHSLA newsletter.

To apply, please see the scholarship tab on the [MHSLA 2010 Conference Blog](#). The deadline for applications is August 31, 2010. One name will be drawn at random from each category: MHSLA member who has never attended, WSU students and U-M students. Recipients will be notified by September 3, 2010.

MDMLG Event
Toni Janik

You are cordially invited to the Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group's Summer Education Program & Luncheon on June 17, 2010. This event includes a presentation, annual MDMLG business meeting, MDMLG member recognition and the awarding of the MDMLG Scholarship to the winning SLIS students.

Our speaker for this event will be James "J.K." Kennedy. J.K. is a world renowned speaker and trainer with knowledge in team building, leadership, excellence, customer service and organizational optimism. On June 17th he will be delivering a riveting presentation entitled "Leadership 2010: Change, Optimism and The Disney Way."

Hospitals, schools and organizations are experiencing the impact of change and its influence at work – and home. During this keynote the audience will be introduced to the 7 Dynamics of Change. The focus of this keynote is to identify the key factors that support a more positive or optimistic view. Session participants will also learn the impact of "Perception, Beliefs & Inner Dialogue." Each portion of the keynote will be supported by two core sections of Fred Lee's book: *If Disney Ran Your Hospital*. Finally, J.K. will help us harness the Motivating Power of Imagination & Creating a Climate of Dissatisfaction.

Please feel free to spread the word and encourage other librarians, library staff and library students to also attend this event!

The location for the meeting and luncheon is at the Mario's Italian Restaurant in Detroit.
<http://www.mariosdetroit.com>

For registration and further information, please go to <http://www.mdmlg.org/meeting.htm>

For questions concerning this meeting please contact: Toni Janik,
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McLaren Medical Library Celebrates Volunteers

Mary Fitzpatrick

McLaren Medical Library is celebrating Volunteer's Month with our 8 wonderful McLaren Auxiliary Volunteers. One of our volunteers has been with the Auxiliary since 1976 and has logged almost 12,000 hours of service. The Medical Library has used volunteers since 1982. Over the years our volunteers have copied thousands of articles for Docline requests, faxed articles for rush patient care requests, shelved countless bound and unbound journals and books, kept our plants watered and looking healthy, and helped us maintain statistics on journal usage. All total our 8 volunteers have donated almost 25,000 hours to McLaren. Just think that equates to 12 years of 40 hour work weeks. These valued members of our staff are truly "over the rainbow" in our books.

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