



# Scuttle Newsletter

## Special points of interest:

- Law Librarian Fellows!
- LOTS of reports!
- LOTS of Congratulations!
- Start saving dates for fall activities!

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## CoALL President's Message—July 2009

Summer may be a slow time in some places, but it's really the high season for CoALL. We have our annual meeting in late June, new board members and committee chairs learn the ropes in July, many of us travel to the Annual Meeting in late July, and, this year, a few of us will be meeting for the bylaws revision workshop on July 18. All this is on top of teaching summer associates, arranging care for kids who are out of school, writing articles (or even dissertations!), remodeling houses, and all of the other projects and responsibilities in our lives. When I take the time to think about it, I'm amazed and pleased that, in spite of all that craziness, several of you have stepped forward to take a formal role in CoALL.



Congratulations and thank you to our new board members and committee chairs -- [Beth Mescall and Stacey Bowers, Members-at-Large](#); and [Diane Forge Bauersfeld, AALL Library School/Recruitment Liaison](#).

Also, thank you so much for those of you who know how much work is involved but continue to serve as board members or committee chairs: Rachel Kuipers, Vice President/President-Elect and Program Coordinator; Karen Selden, Immediate Past President; Kelly Fanning, Secretary; Robert Linz, Treasurer; Holly Pinto, Bylaws Committee; Stacey Bowers, BRAG Committee; Madeline Kriescher, Government Relations Committee; Joan Policastri, Archives Committee; Tom Duggan, Membership Committee; Katie Jones, Newsletter Committee; Karen Selden, Nominations Committee; Beth Mescall, Brown Bag Coordinator; Meg Martin, Public Relations Committee; and Theresa Baker, Webmaster.

Finally, thanks so much to those of you who serve CoALL without even getting the official recognition of a committee chair or board position. We couldn't do it without you.

**Tracy Leming**  
CoALL President, 2008-2010

# Thank you!




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open to anyone  
interested in law  
libraries. To apply or  
renew your membership,  
visit the CoAALL web  
site: [http://  
www.aallnet.org/  
chapter/coall/](http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/)*

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## University of Denver Law Librarian Fellows

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*by Christopher D. Hudson, Project Coordinator, Law Librarian Fellowship Program at the University of Denver Law Library, Denver, Colorado*

The University of Denver Law Librarian Fellowship program is proud to introduce the 2009-2010 Law Librarian Fellows. Please help us welcome these outstanding individuals into the CoALL community. They will be active CoALL members and are interested in getting to know more about you, your institutions, and what you do. So, don't be shy!

Sponsored by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the Law Librarian Fellowship program is a collaboration between the University of Denver Library & Information Science program and the Westminster Law Library. Fellows will begin their studies in September 2009 and will complete their MLIS degrees in June 2011. For more information about the Fellowship program, please contact Chris Hudson at [chris.hudson@du.edu](mailto:chris.hudson@du.edu).

### **Diane Forge Bauersfeld**

Diane Forge Bauersfeld received her B.A. in English and Spanish from Benedictine College in 1999, her J.D. from the University of Kansas in 2001, and her Colorado Professional Teacher Certification in 2002. While in law school, Diane was a legal intern for Kansas Legal Services and Douglas County Legal Aid Society. She also served as a research assistant to the Associate Dean of the University of Kansas School of Law. After teaching in northern Colorado for four years, Diane became an independent contractor and has performed legal research for northern Colorado law firms since 2006. She is a member of the Colorado Association of Law Libraries, the International Association of Law Libraries, and is currently serving as the CoALL AALL Library School/Recruitment Liaison.

### **Jennifer Chang**

Jennifer grew up in the suburbs of Denver and returned to Colorado in 2002 after several years away. She attended college at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington and obtained her B.A. in International Studies with an emphasis on China Studies. Jennifer studied abroad at an intensive Mandarin Chinese language program located at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China during the 1998 – 1999 academic year. After college she worked as a research assistant in the Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution, a Washington, D.C. research institution. She attended law school at the University of Colorado School of Law, and was an editor of the University of Colorado Law Review. For the past several years Jennifer has been practicing commercial real estate law at a medium size Denver-based law firm.

### **Brittany Cronin**

Brittany Cronin grew up in Centennial, Colorado and is happy to be back in Colorado after receiving her J.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles in May 2009. She has a bachelor's degree in political science from Middlebury College and is excited to begin her MLIS at the University of Denver. She is looking forward to starting her career in law librarianship in Colorado and hopes to spend her free time snowboarding, playing soccer, and hanging out with her family and friends.

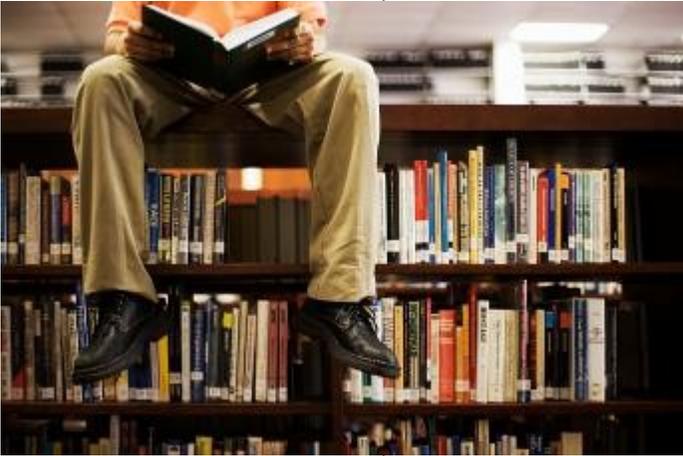


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### **Kimberley Dickey**

For the past few years Kimberley Dickey has worked to help homeless individuals and families in the Denver area find housing, ensuring that their housing is in compliance with HUD standards. She has recently undertaken a position in the same field with the Colorado Department of Human Services working with homeless veterans. A native to Colorado, she received her B.A. in English from the Metropolitan State College of Denver. Kimberley is an avid runner, spends most days reading, and has recently taken up rock climbing.

### **Jennifer Hayden**

Jennifer Hayden was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona. She received her undergraduate degree from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff and her law degree from Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA. Ms. Hayden received a certificate in International Commercial Arbitration while attending Central European University in Budapest, Hungary and a certificate in Mediation while studying at FIAP Jean Monnet in Paris, France. Ms. Hayden also earned a certificate in Global Leadership in International Business from the Thunderbird School of Global Management in Glendale, AZ.

Ms. Hayden is currently employed with Jefferson County Libraries, a position she has held for the past three years. She is active in her community and volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate and is a member of the Junior League of Denver. Her interests include traveling, scuba diving, golf, and playing chess with her sister.

### **Beth Mescall**

Beth Mescall needs little introduction to the CoALL community. A long time CoALL member, Beth is currently serving as a Member at Large on the CoALL board and as the Brown Bag Coordinator Committee Chair. She is the Library and Information Resources Manager at Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP in downtown Denver

### **Kathryn Croco Michaels**

Kathryn Michaels graduated from Grinnell College in 2005 with a B.A. in History. At Grinnell, she served as a member of the History Department's Student Educational Planning Committee, was captain of the Midwest Champion Varsity Swim Team, and studied abroad in London. Kathryn received her J.D. from the University of Iowa in 2008, during which she clerked for the Hon. Patrick Kelly of Colorado's Fourth Judicial District; was a summer associate at a family law firm in Minneapolis; and handled small claims and collections at a local bank. Kathryn was admitted to the Colorado Bar in October 2008 and is a member of the Colorado and Denver County Bar Associations. Over the past year, she has taught courses on civil litigation, family law, and paralegal studies at the Community College of Denver and has volunteered for the Metro Volunteer Lawyers, where she helped indigent clients obtain divorce decrees and child custody orders. Kathryn spends her free time with family and friends, reading, running, and practicing yoga.

### **Nicole A. King**

Nicole A. King is a senior member of the law firm Muret & King, PLLC located in

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Tulsa, Oklahoma. Recently relocated to Colorado, Ms. King remains affiliated with her Tulsa firm by telecommuting. Primary areas of practice include juvenile deprived, adoptions, civil appeals and business transactions. Prior to entering private practice, Ms. King worked as a contract attorney for The Williams Companies in the international legal department and was an Assistant Oklahoma Attorney General in the public utility division. Ms. King obtained her B.S.B.A., M.B.A. and J.D. from the University of Tulsa.

### **Andrew J. "Tig" Wartluft**

Andrew J. "Tig" Wartluft grew up wandering the stacks of the library at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, where his father was the Director of the Library. A life of exploration and learning followed. Tig obtained a degree in Psychology from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio and returned to Ohio several years later to earn his J.D. with a Certificate in Intellectual Property Law and Practice from the University of Akron School of Law. On the rare occasions that he is not sucked into a used bookstore, he enjoys rowing, playing disc golf, and hiking and traveling. Tig has visited forty-eight states and four countries. He's completed study abroad programs in Australia and England and traveled through Canada and Scotland. Colorado makes the sixth state in which he has lived and it is by far the sunniest. Tig lives with his wife, Missy, and their dog and cat.

### **R. Martin Witt**

R. Martin Witt ("Marty") is a native of Albany, NY. He completed his undergraduate work at the University at Albany, graduating with honors and earning a B.A. in Urban Studies & Planning. In 2007, he was also awarded a J.D. degree from Albany Law School, graduating *cum laude*. Following graduation, Marty sat for the New York and Connecticut State bar exams, and was subsequently admitted to practice law in both states. He worked as a practicing attorney in Albany, NY for just over 18 months before deciding to pursue his interest in Library & Information Science as a Law Librarianship Fellow at the University of Denver.

## New AALL Library School/Recruitment Liaison

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*from Tracy Leming, Reference Librarian at Brownstein Hyatt  
Farber Schreck, Denver, Colorado*

I'm excited to announce that CoALL has a new AALL Library School/Recruitment Liaison, Diane Forge Bauersfeld, who is one of the first ten law librarian fellows at the University of Denver. Diane received her B.A. in English and Spanish from Benedictine College in 1999, her J.D. from the University of Kansas in 2001, and her Colorado Professional Teacher Certification in 2002. While in law school, Diane was a legal intern for Kansas Legal Services and Douglas County Legal Aid Society. She also served as a research assistant to the Associate Dean of the University of Kansas School of Law. After teaching in northern Colorado for four years, Diane became an independent contractor and has performed legal research for northern Colorado law firms since 2006. She is a member of the Colorado Association of Law Libraries and the International Association of Law Libraries.

Diane's e-mail is [dianebauersfeld@yahoo.com](mailto:dianebauersfeld@yahoo.com), and her phone number is (970) 461-0033.

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## **Law Librarian Fellows**

*Diane Forge Bauersfeld*

*Jennifer Chang*

*Brittany Cronin*

*Kimberley Dickey*

*Jennifer Hayden*

*Beth Mescall*

*Kathryn Croco Michaels*

*Nicole A. King*

*Andrew J. "Tig"*

*Wartluft*

*R. Martin Witt*

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## CoALL & LAC Events at the AALL Annual Meeting

*from Patty Wellinger, Reference Services Coordinator at the Univ. of Denver Law Library in Denver, Colorado*



Colorado librarians spread the word about Denver and CoALL at the D.C. AALL Annual meeting in July.

Meg Martin created a CoALL display for the exhibit hall that included sample newsletters, brochures, photos and information about Spotlight & BRAG. Rachel Kuipers & Patty Wellinger brought along additional materials such as the CoALL banner, business cards, brochures, the Governor's anniversary proclamation and our programming awards. After an initial scare because some of the materials were "lost" in the exhibit hall mailroom until Monday... everything came together! This joint effort produced a very nice – looking table in the Chapters & Committees area (see photo).

The Denver Hospitality Booth was a hit with attendees, many of whom seemed delighted at the opportunity to attend the 2010 conference in Denver, July 10 – July 13. Madeline Kriescher, Hospitality co-chair, organized a great group of current and former CoALL members to help staff the booth and promote Denver. A big **"THANK YOU"** to the following volunteers for offering your time & knowledge by covering one or more shifts:

Stacey Bowers  
Karen Selden  
Claire Williamson  
Wanda McDavid  
Robert Linz

Tom Duggan  
Rachel Kuipers  
Megan Jens  
Georgia Briscoe  
Patty Wellinger

Esti Shay  
Barb Allen  
Kathy Carlson  
Madeline Kreischer  
Al Dong

In addition, Tiffany Hoambrecker from the CO Convention & Visitors Bureau helped staff the booth on Monday & Tuesday. In consultation with Holly & Patty, Tiffany supplied the booth with numerous freebies including maps, brochures, Denver mints, Denver Mile



Kathy Carlson, Tiffany Hoambrecker (from the Denver Convention & Visitor's Bureau) and Tom Duggan

Hi stickers, postcards, bookmarks and tourist guides. Madeline arranged for 3 raffle giveaways which included Colorado wildflower books, a cookbook and a basket of

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## CoALL & LAC Events, cont.

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“Made in Colorado” goodies. The money for the raffle items was graciously donated by CoALL. (see photo)

The Capital Crier newspaper carried daily updates and programming information to AALL attendees. Cover articles in the last day’s issue included a piece by Holly Pinto highlighting Denver attractions to build enthusiasm; and President Cathy Leman’s discussion of her goals and plans leading up to Summit 2010: Mapping Our Future.

The Closing Banquet featured a giveaway for approximately 550 people of AALL in Denver bookmarks and miniature blue bears that grow when water is added. The meeting ended with a five minute DVD on Denver and Colorado.

While the focus was on the D.C. meeting, planning also began for 2010. Several committee members were able to volunteer in their areas, talk to their D.C. counterparts and attend the early morning wrap-up meeting of the 2009 LAC members. There will be a brief lull while we wait to receive budget information, timelines and the detailed, written annual report from the 2009 committee to use as a guideline. After all – it will be July again before you know it!

## CoALL Awards Grants to Attend AALL

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*from Patty Wellinger, Reference Services Coordinator at the Univ. of Denver Law Library in Denver, Colorado*

I am pleased to announce that the CoALL Executive Board grants sub-committee has recently voted to award grants to several of our members for the AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Rachel Kuipers, Faegre & Benson was awarded \$1000. As our Vice-President / President -elect, Rachel is slated to attend a full range of Chapter training sessions on behalf of CoALL.

Esti Shay, currently a Member at Large, was awarded a travel grant of \$500.

Each year, approximately 1/3 of the AALL chapters are given a free Chapter Registration Grant to award to one of their members. The free Chapter Registration Grant was awarded to Esti Shay.

The winners have been asked to give a brownbag presentation to CoALL members in August to share their experiences at the Annual Meeting. Please join me in congratulating our winners!

Patty Wellinger, Chair, CoALL Grants & Scholarships Committee

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A big

## “THANK YOU”

*to the following volunteers for offering your time & knowledge by covering one or more shifts [at the Denver Hospitality Booth]:*

*Stacey Bowers  
Tom Duggan  
Esti Shay  
Karen Selden  
Rachel Kuipers  
Barb Allen  
Claire Williamson  
Megan Jens  
Kathy Carlson  
Wanda McDavid  
Georgia Briscoe  
Madeline Kreischer  
Robert Linz  
Patty Wellinger  
Al Dong*

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## Save the Date for October CoALL Happy Hour with DU Law Librarian Fellows

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*by Tamara Phalen, Catalog Librarian at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, Denver, Colorado*



Please save the date of Friday, October 16th, for a CoALL happy hour with the University of Denver Library and Information Science Program's Law Librarian Fellows. The ten law librarianship students in this IMLS-funded program will begin their courses at DU in September. In addition to their course work, the fellows will be working with the librarians at the Westminster Law Library and the Colorado Supreme Court to provide legal reference and other services in these libraries' outreach initiatives.

We would like to use the October happy hour as a way for members to meet the fellows, welcome them to CoALL, and encourage them to become active in our organization. Details on the event will follow in an announcement on the CoALL listserv.

## August Happy Hour

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*by Tamara Phalen, Catalog Librarian at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, Denver, Colorado*

The August happy hour will be at Prime Bar Denver. Details are below. Please join us for conversation and the beverage of your choice! You do not need to RSVP.

**When:** Thursday, August 27th, 5pm-ish-?

**Address:**  
Ste 1000  
1515 Arapahoe St,  
Denver, CO 80202-2120  
(303) 586-8888

Their website is here: <http://primebaramerica.com/>

They feature all Colorado draft beers. There is a menu and photos on the website. Their happy hour specials run from 4pm-7pm and they offer \$5.00 cocktails and wine, \$4.00 draft beers and select \$5.00 appetizers.

The entrance to the restaurant is between Arapahoe and Lawrence on the 16th Street Mall.



## Professional Legal Management Week, October 5-9

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*from the July 2009 AALL E-Newsletter*

Professional Legal Management Week (PLMW) provides a forum for recognizing those in legal management for what they do and the roles they play in the success of their organizations. AALL is one of 11 associations co-sponsoring the event with the Association of Legal Administrators (ALA).

AALL members are encouraged to plan and promote events for the week. The [Professional Legal Management Week Web site](#) includes resources to help you set up events, including a fact sheet, suggestions for planning events, a flyer, logos, and advertisements. Coming out in the fall, ALA is publishing the third edition of [Professional Legal Management Week Magazine](#), which will include an article by AALL members Monice M. Kaczorowski and Holly Pinto.

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*Yay for our very own  
Holly Pinto!*

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[www.PLMW.org](http://www.PLMW.org)

**October 5-9, 2009**

Association of  
Legal Administrators

**Cosponsors:**

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American Association  
of Law Libraries

Australian Legal Practice  
Management Association

British Columbia Legal Management  
Association

Centro de Estudos de Administração  
de Escritórios de Advocacia (CEAE)

International Legal  
Technology Association

International Paralegal Management  
Association

Legal Marketing Association

Managing Partners' Forum

NALP — The Association for Legal  
Career Professionals

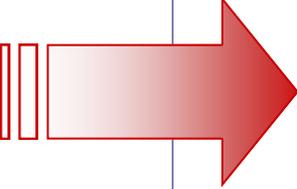
The Law Office Management  
Association (TLOMA)

## CoALL Membership Renewal!

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*from Tom Duggan, Librarian Relations Manager at West*

Membership expires on June 30th, so reflect on what a great resource this chapter is to you as a law librarian, and take a moment to renew. There are updated forms on the website in both Word and PDF at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/member.asp>. Both can be filled in online and printed for mailing. Please make sure your checks are made out to CoALL.



ADDITIONALLY: The CoALL Executive Board recognizes a segment of its membership has been directly impacted by the current economic downturn. If you are a current (dues paid through June 30, 2009), individual, institutional or associate member who has experienced a job loss or job reduction since July 1, 2008, and you are experiencing a hardship in paying your CoALL membership dues for the upcoming 2009-2010 year, you are eligible for a complimentary one year membership, effective July 1, 2009.

Those members interested in taking advantage of this opportunity are asked to contact Tom Duggan, CoALL Membership Chair, at [tom.duggan@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:tom.duggan@thomsonreuters.com) for instructions on how to submit this year's renewal form. If you are aware of and have contact information for a CoALL member who may not have a current email address on this listserv due to a job loss, but who would be interested, please feel free to forward to them.

I will remove your name from the membership roster if renewal forms are not received by July 31, 2009.

Tom Duggan, CoALL Membership Chair

## Who's Buried in John Hillmon's Grave?

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*by Meg Martin, Public Services Librarian at the Wyoming State Law Library, Cheyenne, Wyoming*

CU Law Professor, Marianne (Mimi) Wesson sought to answer that question. On June 24th at the CoALL Annual Meeting held at the Wolf Law Building at CU, Mimi shared the story of her fascination with the Hillmon case. Mimi has been teaching Evidence, Criminal Law and Trial Advocacy for more than twenty years. She worked with anthropologist Dennis Van Gerven to solve the 127 year old mystery involving an unmarked grave in Kansas. She relied upon the skilled assistance of genealogists, attorneys, and students. Eventually, the exhumation of the remains and DNA testing solved the mystery. She is in the process of writing an account of her experience. You can learn more at her website The Hillmon Case (<http://www.thehillmoncase.com/index.html>).



## Congratulations!

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**David Selden** and **Debora Person** were awarded with AALL grants to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

**Esti Shay** was awarded a CoALL Chapter Registration grant and CoALL Travel grant to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

**Rachel Kuipers** was awarded a CoALL travel grant to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

**Georgia Briscoe** was awarded a LexisNexis Research Fund Grant for “Is Quality Control in Academic Law Library Online Catalogs Decreasing?”.

**Madeline Kriescher** wrote “CoALL Government Relations Chair Speaks at SWALL Meeting on the Benefits of Creating a Government Relations Committee” for the April 2009 AALL Washington E-Bulletin.

**David Selden’s** answers were included in the Member to Member sections of the [December 2008](#) and [May 2009 AALL Spectrum](#).

**Tracy Leming** wrote “[I Took the Lead](#)” in the March 2009 *AALL Spectrum*.

**Megan Jens** is the new Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect for the AALL GenX/GenY Caucus.

**Karen Selden** is the new Secretary/Treasurer for the AALL Online Bibliographic Services SIS.

[National Indian Law Library](#), [Westminster Law Library](#) ([Hearsay](#)) and [Wyoming State Law Library](#) ([Law Library Letter](#)) were included in a list of the [50 Best Blogs for Law Librarians](#).

**Robert Linz** of the University of Colorado William A. Wise Law Library authored the most recent Legal Research Corner article for *The Colorado Lawyer*, “Researching Colorado Local Government Law.” It appears in the August 2009 issue (v. 38, n. 8, page 101) and has been posted on the CoALL Web site: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/lrc/lrc0809.pdf>.

### And last but not least...

**Eli Nolan Plumb, Tawnya Plumb’s** baby boy, “joined us Monday morning at 3:35am weighing 6 lbs 10z. He’s a happy, healthy little guy, and we are thrilled to finally get to meet him.” ([Facebook entry from Tawnya’s profile, July 20, 2009](#))



## 2009-2010 Brown Bags

*from Beth Mescall, Library and Information Resources Manager at Davis Graham & Stubbs in Denver, Colorado*

The CoALL Brown Bag Committee is back with a new slate of members: Kelly Fanning of HRO, Rachel Nelson of Holland and Hart, and Beth Mescall of Davis Graham & Stubbs. We're putting together a post-AALL brown bag for August, look for an e-mail announcing the date and location.



We have sent out a survey to all CoALL members looking for suggestions for new ideas, and checking for interest levels on a variety of topics. Please respond to the survey if you have a chance; we want to hear from you and include your ideas in our schedule.

A few of our planned topics for the coming year are: researching private companies and competitive intelligence, adding online resources to library catalogs, library cost-cutting measures and accessing available resources from local government, public and academic libraries. It's going to be another great year, so stay tuned and check the CoALL website for our schedule soon.

*Please click on the link below to complete a short survey concerning this year's Brown Bag programming. This link will remain viable until August 16, 2009.*

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=x2RrN32KdZfZ2TOa7qIHsQ\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=x2RrN32KdZfZ2TOa7qIHsQ_3d_3d)

## Brown Bag Lunches

The Colorado Association of Law Libraries hosts a series of brown bag lunches. Most of the brown bags are hosted by downtown law firms, and most are in a go-round format, which means that each attendee will have an opportunity to comment on the topic of the day. Topics will include libraries and environmental sustainability, copyright in law firms, customized delivery of news, bookmarking and pathfinders, ILS systems and more. The brown bags will generally be scheduled for noon on the second Wednesday of each month, but some exceptions will be made to that schedule. For more information, contact [Beth Mescall](#), 303-892-7451.

Date	Time	Host Name	Host Firm	Topic or Speaker
August	12:00—1:00			
September	12:00—1:00			
October	12:00—1:00			
November	12:00—1:00			
December	12:00—1:00			
January	12:00—1:00			
February	12:00—1:00			
March	12:00—1:00			
April	12:00—1:00			
May	12:00—1:00			
June	12:00—1:00			
July	12:00—1:00			

*This is lunch!*



## Spotlight on Your Career 2009

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*by Lori Dubois at Dubois Information, Denver, Colorado*

2009's Spotlight on Your Career, Building Your Professional Network, was once again a success. Co-sponsored by RMSLA and CoALL, the event was held on Saturday, February 28, 2009, on the University of Denver's campus. Fifty-four (54) people attended the event, which ran from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The keynote speaker was noted social networking expert Liz Ryan. Her keynote was followed by tech demonstrations on various social networking applications including Twitter, Ning, Facebook, and LinkedIn. Seven local volunteers presented the tech demos to small groups.

RMSLA and CoALL pledged \$1500 each to fund the event, but none of this money was required since total funding was raised by registration fees, an AALL grant, and sponsorships from Hein Online, Lexis Nexus, and Thomson West. Since the AALL grant included expenses up to \$2000 that were not covered by other means, \$741.70 was received from AALL and the event broke even with no profits and no monetary outlays from RMSLA or CoALL.

Evaluations indicated that people really enjoyed the event, liked the speaker and thought her information was valuable, and liked the technology demonstrations.

## BRAG 2009

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*from Stacey Bowers, Outreach & Access Services Librarian at the Univ. of Denver Westminster Law Library, Denver, Colorado*

CoALL held its eighth annual Bridge the Research and Analysis Gap (BRAG) program on Wednesday, June 3, 2009. There were 35 attendees at this year's event. The attendees heard presentations on the following topics: Tips from a Young Associate; The Research Assignment: Effective Communication & Smart Research; Bridging the Gap: Colorado Practice Materials; Casemaker 101; Colorado Legislative History; Cost Effective Legal Resources; and The Internet Footprint/Social Networking. Presenters included Nicholas Langefels (Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP); Margi Heinen (Sherman & Howard L.L.C.); Alan Pannell and Alicia Brillion (University of Colorado Law Library); Wanda McDavid (Access/Information); Andrea Hamilton (Faegre & Benson LLP); Stacey Bowers (University of Denver Westminster Law Library); and Rachel Kuipers (Faegre & Benson LLP). Mariann Storck (U.S. Attorney's Office) acted as the BRAG program announcer and moderator.

Feedback was provided by 30 of the attendees. Twenty-nine respondents strongly agreed (15) or agreed (14) that the BRAG program gave them valuable information to better function in their firm or court setting. 29 respondents also strongly agreed (16) or agreed (13) that their research skills would improve from attending the program. Additionally, all 30 attendees strongly agreed (22) or agreed (8) that the program had introduced them to new resources. Respondents provided a wealth of feedback, including the following statements: "CoALL does a fabulous job with this presentation – very practical, helpful, and up to date"; and "The sessions were well-paced, informative, and worthwhile".

The 2009 BRAG committee was comprised of Stacey Bowers (chair), Andrea Hamilton, Margi Heinen, Alan Pannell, Alicia Brillion, Wanda McDavid, and Rachel Kuipers. The following organizations provided generous support: CLE in Colorado, Inc., LexisNexis, Westlaw, and The Colorado Lawyer.

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Spotlight 2009 Budget				
February-2009				
price of registration			<b>Attendees</b>	
	early/student	\$30.00	40	\$1,200.00
	late	\$35.00	5	\$175.00
	special	\$15.00	0	\$0.00
	no charge	\$0.00	13	\$0.00
			58	\$1,375.00
<b>Summary</b>				
Costs 1		\$ 2,451.70	<b>Profit / Cost Share</b>	
Revenue		\$ 3,410.00	<u>CoALL</u>	<u>RMSLA</u>
Difference (excess revenue or loss)		\$ 958.30		
Costs 2 (speaker and recording)		\$ 1,700.00		
Amount Covered by Excess Revenue		\$ 958.30	<b>Per Attendee</b>	
Amount of Grant Used to Cover Costs		\$ 741.70	Cost	\$ 71.58
Amount of Grant to Return to AALL		\$ 1,258.30	Cost to Org	\$ -
total contributions (CoALL & RMSLA)		\$ 1,700.00		
remaining funds		\$ 1,700.00		
<b>Detail</b>				
<b>Costs 1 (not covered by AALL grant)</b>			<b>Venue</b>	
breakfast		\$ 373.75	Cust Fee	\$ 55.00
lunch		\$ 1,070.59	Room	\$ 180.00
printing		\$200.00	Foyer	\$ 50.00
venue		\$485.00	Forum	\$ 200.00
parking		\$136.00	<b>Parking</b>	
gifts		\$ -	\$5 / permit	\$5 handling
keynote costs		\$ -	No.	28
DU Set Up		\$ 27.58	<b>Speaker Fee</b>	
misc (postage, nametags, signage etc)		\$ 158.78		
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$2,451.70</b>	Total	\$ 1,700.00
<b>Costs 2 (covered by AALL Grant)</b>			Reserve Fee	\$ 1,700.00
recording		\$0.00	Balance	-
speaker fees		\$ 1,700.00	\$850 by RMSLA, CoALL each	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,700.00</b>		
<b>Total – Costs</b>		<b>\$ 4,151.70</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>				
Registrations		\$1,375.00		
Thomson-West sponsorship		\$750.00		
Lexis sponsorship		\$500.00		
Hein sponsorship		\$100.00		
Minolta sponsorship		\$200.00		
DU sponsorship (venue)		\$485.00		
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,410.00</b>		
<b>AALL Grant</b>				
AALL Grant		\$2,000.00		
<b>Initial Contributions</b>				
CoALL		\$ 850.00		
RMSLA		\$ 850.00		
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,700.00</b>		

## Minutes, CoALL Board Meeting, April 29, 2009

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# Colorado Association of Law Libraries

## Board Meeting

April 29, 2009, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, Schrek, LLP, Denver, Colorado

Present: Tracy, Katie, Meg, Kelly, Esti, Robert, Karen, Stacy, Rachel

Tracy calls the meeting to order at 4:32 pm.

Robert moves to approve minutes from meetings of Feb. 12 and Feb. 28, 2009. Esti seconds, and all approve the minutes.

### Officer Reports

#### President's Report (Tracy Leming)

- A. Policies, Guidelines, Forms page for CoALL website – need contributions
- B. Reimbursement for hosts for dessert expenses for brown bags? – Tracy says it is usually less than \$20 a month. Tracy moves that we reimburse brown bag hosts for up to \$20 and Robert seconds and all approve. Motion passes.
- C. Free year of membership to those who have suffered layoffs or salary cuts? – Tracy suggests this for existing members. We will ask Tom to draft some language for this. We can decide on the policy now – Tracy moves to ask our membership chair to add language to the form for membership for anyone who has lost job or had hour reduction in the last CoALL membership year. Robert seconds that. All approve.

**Vice President's Report (Rachel Kuipers)** - she mentions that maybe we should do a CoALL service project. Perhaps a book drive or a food drive or something else. It is mentioned that this would be a good PR move. It is mentioned that David Selden does a race each year for the Colorado Indian Bar and can always use help with that. The race is the first Sunday of October in Lyons. It is mentioned that one firm did a food drive one year, and another firm did a book drive last year.

**Treasurer's Report (Robert Linz)** - he mentions we have \$4,167.76 in the account. There are some outstanding checks. There is an update on finances that he will present. Last year we earned \$142.34 in interest. We have a rate of 3.19% for our CDs, and the next maturity date is July 29, 2009.

### Standing Committee Reports

- A. **Newsletter (Katie Jones)** - she hopes to get out the newsletter early next week and would like to thank Meg for going after the new members to get blurbs from them to put in the Scuttle. And also she would like to ask Rachel for a photo to add to the Scuttle.
- B. **Nominations (Karen Selden)** – she just sent out her official report in the email today. Ruth and Ann were wonderful to work with. Ann did a great job testing survey monkey. The people who are not eligible to vote must be taken out – i.e. all in Wyoming and all vendors, per the bylaws. We sent 87 ballots (some were paper) and retrieved 42 ballots – a 48% return rate. Last year was a

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nearly 50% participation rate, according to Martha Campos – so it is pretty much the same when paper and when electronic. In the future, she suggests using survey monkey, and Ann has volunteered again for next year. We need to modify the bylaws, as well.

- C. **Membership (Tracy Leming for Tom Duggan)** - Skipped today.
- D. **Program Coordinator (Rachel Kuipers)** - BRAG is coming up and Stacy will talk about that. Local arrangements – no one knows about this.

### Special Committee Reports

- A. **Scholarships (Patty Wellinger)** - skipped today.
- B. **BRAG (Stacey Bowers)** - she has the brochures from CLE and will forward them into the CoALL and DU Library listserves, and Robert will also take to UC Boulder. Patty will put it on SLA and Emporia listserves. We are moving forward. The big “if” is what \$ we may get from Westlaw and LEXIS - Andrea and Allen are looking into that. This was a good year for CLE to absorb costs, and they will also market this to new lawyers this year. At least 1 firm will not be sending their summer associates to BRAG. We are not sure about other firms yet.
- C. **AALL Library School/Recruitment Liaison (Regina Avila)** - Library school overall is pretty close to having deposits from the number they wanted. We have our 10 fellows and they are all coming. She does not know about the actual names being shared yet. We have the new certificate program in law librarianship for JDs and MLSs, as well as the new curriculum for the incoming fellows.
- D. **Bylaws (Holly Pinto)** - Tracy suggests that those who are interested in bylaws get together one afternoon and draft up all of the bylaws at one time. The approach of doing one change at a time is proving challenging. And it is also not as onerous as we had thought to change. Stacy is happy to participate and use her corporate law background to help. Tracy would like to invite people who really care about this to spend an afternoon on a weekend at someone’s house or a law/library school to take care of this. Others mention that they are also interested in participating. Tracy says the next step is to set a meeting date. Mid-June is the CALI conference (18-20), but early June would work – a weekend in early June, at UC Boulder, and Karen can try to obtain the room. Tracy will propose some dates and we will go from there.

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- E. **Government Relations (Madeline Kriescher)** - skipped today.

1. CoASL event – conflict/cooperation with RMSLA/Spotlight committee?

- F. **Brown Bag Coordinator (Beth Mescall)** - skipped today.

- G. **Public Relations (Meg Martin)** she suggests that she will get the names in June and July when renewals occur and use them in sending out an email regarding what you get when you renew your CoALL membership. Also, she wonders about assisting Katie and Kathy in DC

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in terms of setting up tables – Tracy says Patty and Holly are the committee chairs and would be knowledgeable about this. Tracy says we should have a table with a banner and a sign directing people to the booth, at the next conference. Meg agrees.

- H. **Spotlight (Robert Linz or Kaye Walde)** - plans for next year? – Tracy says RMSLA representatives have said they would be interested in doing this again next year with us. It is mentioned that next year would be a good year for RMSLA to take the lead on handling the Spotlight program. There is also a discussion regarding sharing our CoALL evaluation form with others.

Additional information from Robert concerning Spotlight:

- No net gain or loss on the event
- AALL grant contributed \$741.70 toward speaker's fee of \$1700. All other expenses were covered by donations and registrations
- Overall, the 2009 program cost about \$800 less than the 2008 program (approx. the cost of the second speaker fee of \$750)
- Attendees: both 2008 and 2009 had the same number of attendees (61 in 2008 and 58 in 2009) but more paid attendees in 2008 (52 in 2008 and 45 in 2009) and more unpaid attendees in 2009 (9 in 2008 and 13 in 2009)
- Sponsors were slightly more generous last year (approx. \$1900 plus \$1000 from AALL) than this year (\$1550 plus \$741.70 from AALL)

### Announcements

- A. **RE AALL's Annual Meeting VIP program** - Karen: Concerning the upcoming Conference in 2010: in the past, AALL would pay for the person's registration to attend a program but the chapter would pick up housing/ transportation. Next year, when we have the meeting in Denver, so it would be good for us to invite someone – example: the state librarian as a VIP. Here, we have a neat slate of people – deans of the schools, perhaps Sylvia, but it is mentioned that she will probably come anyway. We should have this on our agenda – choosing a person to invite – for June.
- B. **Program sponsorships** - Karen says sponsoring a program just means you have an idea and you have a program coordinator. She and Georgia have done this about 20 times. Also, if the speaker is not a AALL member, they get free tuition for the day. Karen liked Liz Ryan, the last Spotlight speaker, and would like, along with Georgia, to write up a proposal for her to attend and speak at the 2010 Conference in Denver. Submissions for programs are due by mid-August. They generally get 100-150 proposals for about 50 spots. Karen also says Mimi Wesson, a Colorado law professor, is researching a case and is writing a book about what she's found about Hillman; Karen has seen the presentation and it was very good – so this may be a good program. But there is another similar CSI program going on in Washington. Karen would like the blessing of the board to proceed – so that CoALL will sponsor the program. Another idea Karen has is a workshop on Indian Law Research that David would put on and that would cost extra. Everyone is positive and excited about all of these ideas. Katie also mentions that the coordinator's job generally isn't too difficult once the program is accepted.



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C. Next meeting: June - install new board members, try to get general membership to attend with a speaker or other event? – Tracy says traditionally we install our new board members during the June meeting and have a program to attract other members. Last year, Sylvia spoke at a brown bag – would she be willing to speak in June about the new program, Karen asks. Also Madeline might have ideas for speakers. Tracy asks would anyone want to do a tour – for instance, of the legislative library (a past tour). The meeting should be in late June, so that board members have been installed before the new membership year begins on July 1, 2009. Last time we also ordered pizza and got more people that way. Or perhaps we might want to do a late afternoon, ending with a “cocktail hour.” June 24 or June 25 may work, and Tracy may see if HRO can host.

D. The main meeting is adjourned at 5:27 pm. The remainder of the board discusses the grant applications. The separate committee meeting is adjourned at 5:49 pm.

## New Member Focus

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### Sarah Knight

My name is Sarah Knight and I am the new reference librarian at Holland & Hart. For ten years I worked in the library at Morrison & Foerster, but in February my position was eliminated as part of a firm-wide layoff. After being out of work for several months, I feel very fortunate to be back working in a law library. I had always envisioned myself working in a library, but after college I took a detour and worked as a paralegal instead. I first got involved in law libraries after working as a paralegal for a short period of time and I have stayed in law libraries ever since. I am a Colorado native and received both my B.A. (English) and M.L.I.S. from University of Denver. Outside of work I enjoy reading, listening to music (especially U2), and watching movies.



## Welcome to New CoALL Members

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### Rachel Nelson

Reference Librarian  
Holland & Hart LLP  
Denver

## 2009 CoALL Nominations and Election Committee Report

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*Submitted by Karen Selden, Chair, Nominations and Election Committee*

### **April 28, 2008**

I was extremely fortunate to have Ruth Lancaster and Anne Lucke join me as members of the 2009 CoALL Nominations and Election Committee.

Our work began on January 29, 2009 with a call for nominations to the CoALL listserv.

On February 17, we announced our slate of candidates:

Vice-President/President-Elect:	Rachel Kuipers
Treasurer:	Robert Linz
Secretary:	Kelly Fanning
Members at Large:	Stacey Bowers Beth Mescall

At this time, we also announced the procedures for self-nominations, but none were made.

Ruth Lancaster worked with the candidates to collect biographies and pictures, which she submitted to Theresa Baker to post on the password protected portion of the CoALL website.

CoALL held a special meeting on Saturday, February 28 to vote on a proposal to change our bylaws to allow for the electronic distribution of ballots and electronic voting. That proposal passed unanimously so the Committee, lead by Anne Lucke, undertook the task of researching and selecting the best electronic voting system for our association.

SurveyMonkey was chosen for the 2009 CoALL election. SurveyMonkey allowed Anne to easily distribute ballots to eligible members and to send reminders to those who had not yet voted. However, Anne still needed to print and mail several paper ballots to members who either did not have an e-mail address on file or who have registered with SurveyMonkey to “opt out” of SurveyMonkey surveys. The voting period was from April 1 to 15, 2009, and 42 ballots were received from a total of 87 eligible voters. Interestingly, this approximately 48% ballot return rate is very comparable to the nearly 50% participation rate we had in the 2008 election, which was conducted via paper ballot.

As Martha Campos stated in last year’s Committee report, CoALL should consider revisiting the various membership categories. As it stands now, only members who work in Colorado law libraries are eligible to vote in CoALL elections. This policy disallows voting privileges to our members in Wyoming and who work for vendors. It also means that Anne had to work with Membership Chair Tom Duggan to sift out members who were eligible to vote from those who were not, adding to the administrative tasks of the election.

Tremendous thanks are due to Ruth and Anne, who unfailingly showed enthusiasm and professionalism in tackling the tasks set before them. It was a joy for me to work with both of them!

Does it ever stop?



## AALL Dues Help for Unemployed Members

To help in these tough times, AALL is offering a discounted membership rate for AALL members who are recently unemployed. The discounted membership appears online and in all public records simply as an "Active" membership, but is billed at the student/retired rate (\$55 instead of \$218). The discounted rate is good through May 31, 2010.

Unemployed AALL members should fill out the online form or contact AALL Membership Services Coordinator Hannah Phelps ([hphelps@aall.org](mailto:hphelps@aall.org) or 312-205-8022) to sign up.



## New Job Seeking Tools Added to AALL Wiki

Many law librarians have been hit hard by the economic crisis. AALL is here to offer resources to help you get through it, especially the [Tools for Success in Today's Economy wiki](#). We encourage you to both use the resources and add more that would help our colleagues in law librarianship. Thanks to the members who have added resources so far. Here are a few examples of recent additions:

- [Creativity in a Crisis](#)
- [Print Resumes and Business Cards FREE at Staples](#)
- [Law Librarians of Leisure Blog](#)
- [Interview Tips: Biglaw to Small Law \(Part I\)](#)
- [Interview Tips: Biglaw to Small Law \(Part II\)](#)
- [After a Layoff, Law Librarian Starts 'A La Carte' Business](#)

## AALL2go Coming to a Computer Near You in August 2009

AALL is proud to announce it is adopting a new, powerful, state-of-the-art learning technology, which will provide a new learning gateway to all AALL members. AALL2go will offer you specialized continuing education programs designed specifically for law librarians, available online 24/7.



The online learning center will be available this August with audio recordings from the 2009 AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., as well as archived webinars, video recordings, virtual programs, and accompanying handouts. Log on to AALL2go to expand your knowledge base and gain new skills to grow your career—whenever and wherever you need it.

## Free CALI Lessons

AALL now provides members free access to the full set of online lessons hosted by the [Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction \(CALI\)](#). With more than 600 lessons covering 32 legal subject areas, these online learning opportunities feature a variety of interactive formats that make for an engaging, effective user experience. They are particularly helpful for new law librarians with little or no exposure to legal research. [Obtain the access code through the Members Only Section of AALLNET.](#)



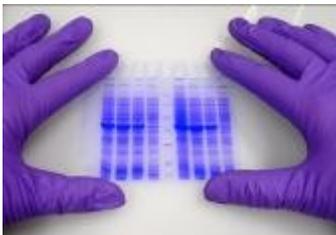
## Picking Cotton: our memoir of injustice and redemption

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*Book review by Alicia Brillon, Reference Librarian at the University of Colorado Law Library in Boulder, Colorado*

**By Jennifer Thompson-Cannino and Ronald Cotton**

In *Picking Cotton*, the short Prologue section describes two people interacting in an easy and comfortable manner, much as any friends would on a Fall afternoon. Frankly, it was a great relief for me to read it, as I then knew up front that the principal players in what was going to be a devastating saga would be happy and whole in the end. Or at least as much as would be possible after what each endured.



*Picking Cotton* is the story of two lives intertwined. The story itself is gripping. A 22 year old college student, Jennifer Thompson was raped at knifepoint in her own apartment. After escaping and undergoing the necessary medical tests and evaluations, she identified Ronald Cotton as her attacker and he was sentenced to life plus 50 years in prison. Eleven years later, DNA evidence exonerated him of the attack on Jennifer as well as an additional attack with which he had subsequently been charged.

Jennifer tells her side of the story in Part I – from the rape itself through the trial, at the end of which, she prays for Cotton “to die miserably in jail, alone and afraid.” Ronald tells his side of the story in Part II – from voluntarily going to the police station to clear up what he thought was a simple misunderstanding, to his conviction and the eleven years subsequently spent in prison.

Part III comprises about one half of the book and is co-written by both Jennifer and Ronald via alternating chapters. It picks up with Ronald still in jail, and Jennifer having married and had children. Then, the prospect of the DNA test arises... Part III is the most remarkable section of the book. Ronald’s joy at finally being a free man is moving, and Jennifer’s struggle with how her actions created such an injustice is equally engrossing.

The last part of the book tells of Jennifer and Ronald’s road to forming a friendship – from their initial meeting, to meeting each others’ children, to their combined efforts in raising awareness of those who have possibly been wrongly convicted. The entire book is a fascinating and balanced account of 2 people who were victims of a single crime and is highly recommended.

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*“Picking Cotton is the story of two lives intertwined. The story itself is gripping.”*

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**Call the Colorado Bar Association, 303-860-1115, for your member number and password.**

**Events**

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**Brown Bag Lunches**

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