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Message from the President

"Thank God, you're alive!"

This phrase was uttered hundreds and thousands of times by our friends, colleagues, and fellow citizens in New York City and the Washington, D.C. area as tragedy shadowed all our lives following the September 11th terrorist attacks on the United States. Seeing the destruction on television was disconcertingly powerful, yet hardly real. As a nation, we have been plunged into mourning and anger.

As many of you know, I worked in New York City before coming to Colorado. For 15 years the greater New York area was my home. I had a trip to visit NYC planned for September 14-26 and, after the attacks, was more determined than ever to make it. I felt compelled to see the community that had been mine for so many years. Much of America thinks of NYC as "just" a big city, but it was never that to me. And now, for the rest of the world too, this city is made up of all the stories of innumerable individuals, both victims and survivors.

One of those individuals was Maureen Olson, a professional colleague, who worked at the insurance and risk management firm of Marsh & McLennan in the WTC; she did not make it out. Rene, as she was known, was a lively and lovely woman, who enjoyed New York City and all it had to offer. She contributed to her professional, religious, school and innumerable other communities. She will be mourned and missed tremendously by her family, her friends, and the law librarian community. I mention Maureen especially because she was representative of our profession: enthusiastic and energetic in her professional and personal pursuits.

The Law Library Association of Greater New York does not yet have final information about the status of all its members. Whatever the count of those missing and dead, it will be too high. Our community is a small one and these losses will be hard to bear.

So, my injunction to you is: Thank God **you're** alive! With all of life's challenges and tasks, we are lucky to be here. Count your blessings and contribute to your communities...for these are the stuff of life.

Yours,

Druet

Mary Wilder

Throughout the years that she spent as a law librarian, Mary participated in different CoALL activities including chairing the Grants & Scholarships Committee in 1992/1993. She was an entertaining and educational speaker and made presentations to many groups including the Colorado Bar Association and the CoALL Legal Institute. Mary was Vice-President/President from 1990-1992. During her tenure, the Prez Group (a regular meeting of the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of all of the Colorado library associations) was formed to discuss common interests and issues. She was the Program Committee Chair for the first Legal Institute sponsored by CoALL. Mary was a mentor and friend to many of our CoALL members.

Mary Wilder received a law degree from the University of Colorado in 1987. She had previously received a library science degree from the University of Denver in 1977. Her professional career included government documents work at the Colorado Technical Reference Center and the Government Publications Library of the University of Colorado. Mary was a Legal Writing Instructor at CU for a year before moving to the University of Denver Law Library where she worked for four years prior to becoming the Director of the Legal Writing Program at the University of Denver's College of Law. She held that position from 1990 to 2000 when she moved back to librarianship to serve as the Head of the Reference Department for Front Range Community College, a job which she held until her death.

In recent years when her career was more focused on legal writing, she continued to see herself as a law librarian. She was a staunch advocate for increasing the role of librarians in the Lawyering Process (first year legal research & writing) Program at the University of Denver and emphasized the need for strong research skills in the development of that curriculum. One of her goals was to integrate legal research into the curriculum and make others aware of the important educational role that law librarians can play in training future lawyers.

I would like to propose that a CoALL Scholarship or Grant be named in honor of Mary Wilder. Please contact me with your thoughts on this proposal.

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IN MEMORIAM

Deborah Nelson

It is with great sadness that I must tell you all that Deborah Nelson died last Saturday of complications from liver cancer. Those of us who worked with Deb at Penrose and in the Law Library will miss her optimism and kind spirit. Those of us who were in her classes will miss her insightful observations and questions. Please join me in remembering fondly a colleague, a friend, and a fellow student.

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There is information posted on the SLA and CNY websites about the librarians who lost their lives in the September 11th attacks.

CNY:

<http://www.sla.org/chapter/cny/jun01/index.htm>

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<http://www.sla.org/chapter/cny/jun01/index.htm>

SLA:

<http://www.sla.org/content/Help/webcomms/sept11help/inmemoriam.cfm>

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Memorial Funds

This issue of *The Scuttle* is uncharacteristic because its contents mention death more than is usual. Locally, we have lost friends and colleagues who contributed to our legal community. Nationally, we have lost in numbers too large to grasp.

Memorial donations and scholarships either have been or will be established to remember Deborah Nelson, Mary Wilder, and the victims of the September 11th terrorist attacks. If you would like to donate either your time or your money to these efforts, please contact me and I will point you to the proper contact. ~ Druet

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A GOODBYE NOTE FROM LOIS CALVERT

As most of you know, I retired from law librarianship at the end of September, 2001. I started at the University of Colorado Law Library in 1966, and ended at the Colorado Supreme Court Library, with Lexis and two law firms in between. AALL, SWALL, and CoALL have always been part of my professional life, which, among other things, kept me in touch with people from previous lives as I moved to new venues.

It's been fun. Of course there have been a million changes, but everything changes (hopefully) in 35 years. The best part, of course, has been the people. The patrons have been an endless source of entertainment. (!) I've worked with and for many who became personal friends as well as colleagues. The people I met at meetings, whether national, regional, or local, have enriched both my professional and personal life. Sometimes a problem can be solved by talking to someone with a different perspective, and sometimes it is helpful to know that no one has figured it out.

I hope to keep in touch. With my new life membership (rarely given to one so young) I'll be lurking on the listserv, although with a new address, phone and e-mail. I'm staying in Denver and I'll be free for lunch.

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The human brain is a wonderful thing. It starts working the moment you are born and never stops unless you stand up to speak in public.

CoAll at AALL

Some previously noted highlights of the convention for our chapter:

Incoming AALL President Barbara Bintliff humorously introduced her theme of community among colleagues with pink flamingo mascots, noting that "birds of a feather flock together."! Look for more activities and programs that bring us, in all our variety, together as professionals. The announced theme of the 2002 convention in Orlando is "Creating Connections" and there will be many

opportunities to connect and reconnect with other law librarians both during the year and at the annual conference.

Several CoALL members attended AALL Leadership Institutes, in order to

better serve your chapter. Individual meetings for webmanagers, newsletter editors, treasurers and other chapter "activists" were helpful in highlighting procedures and sharing collective knowledge for all our benefits.

As always, Colorado made an excellent showing in the "Hein Fun Walk and Run": in their age category (and I ain't sayin' what it is!) Al Dong placed 1st and David Selden placed

2nd. Congratulations to them both! That showing ranked AI as #2 and David #3 in the overall race.

Networking: A Major Benefit of Attending the AALL Annual Meetings

David Selden, National Indian Law Library

The annual meetings offer so much to AALL members. Anyone who has attended an AALL Annual Meeting understands the value of the conference programs and the exhibits. The meeting offers law librarians excellent opportunities to learn about current trends, the impact of new technologies, and ideas to implement that will improve library information services. I suspect most attendees consider the programs and exhibits the main events. I have been attending AALL meetings for over a decade and have benefited greatly from what I learned by visiting the exhibits and attending programs. However, after all these years, I have finally realized that networking can be the most important and satisfying reason to attend the conference.

Networking, or interacting with your colleagues, presents opportunities to learn from each other, get feedback on ideas, and build a sense of community by forming partnerships. I am always on the alert - looking for opportunities to meet people who might be able to help me or who share common goals. Since AALL is such a huge association, it is easy to find people who have

something in common, who share similar interests, and have faced similar challenges. Sometimes I discover these people by serendipity - riding on the bus to the Hein Fun Walk/ Run or sitting next to them at a conference program. (This is the reason I often try to sit next to people I don't know at conference events.) Other times I discover these people by reading about them in the AALL Spectrum, Law Library Journal, or some other professional journal. I make a point to contact these "experts" in advance of the meeting to see if they are interested in getting together at the conference. Both strategies have worked for me and provide their own benefits.

The 2001 Annual Meeting and Conference was a particularly good networking conference, because I met several people who showed interest in some of the priorities of the National Indian Law Library (NILL).

The priorities are:

1) Tribal law collection development (developing a current and somewhat

comprehensive collection of tribal codes, constitutions and intergovernmental agreements);

2) Improving access to our unique tribal law collection by digitizing the collection for access by remote patrons; and

3) Developing our own working list of Indian law subject headings (with scope notes) for cataloging our special collection.

I met Nancy Carol Carter from the University of San Diego School of Law Legal Research Center. Nancy won a "Call for Papers" award for her paper "American Indians and Libraries: Acknowledging the Third Sovereign." Ms. Carter has been an Indian law research specialist for many years. I first learned about her expertise several years ago when I read her article "American Indian Law: Research and Sources" in 4 Legal Reference Services Quarterly 5 (1984/85). It just so happens that Nancy's paper, which will be published in a forthcoming issue of Law Library Journal, addresses problems related to lack of access to tribal law and the inadequacy of Library of Congress subject headings for Indian law collections. We talked about these concerns and ideas for resolving these challenges.

I also met Randall Snyder, the librarian at the National Judicial College. The National Judicial College offers special courses and programs tailored to meet the needs of tribal courts. For this reason, Mr. Snyder is also very interested in developing his library's tribal law collection. We discussed ideas on how we might cooperate on collection development. I also met with Richard Amelung, head of Technical Services at St. Louis University Law Library. Richard's library recently cataloged an Indian law special collection. He was successful in developing and submitting new Indian Law subject headings to the Library of Congress. What I learned from him was invaluable to NILL's subject heading project. In addition, I met librarians from the University of Oklahoma Law Library, as well as the chair of the AALL Indian Law Caucus. These colleagues expressed interest in and support for our priorities and agreed to work with NILL to help achieve those goals.

As you can imagine, the 2001 AALL meeting was a fantastic networking experience. I was able to develop worthwhile relationships with people who shared common goals. And, just as importantly, the value and relevance of my vision and goals for NILL were validated. I left the conference with a positive attitude and renewed energy.

Annual AALL Conference Is Just One Big Family Reunion

Mariann Storck, Legal Information Specialist
U.S. Attorney's Office

Thanks to CoALL, my agency was able to save \$200 toward the cost of attending the AALL conference this year. I was especially eager to attend because I had missed it the previous two years. For those of you who need to make a case for attending, here are some of my reasons which you are welcome to use:

The conference gives attendees the opportunity to look at new products and developments, network with old friends, meet new friends, match faces to email names, learn current practices, learn about and follow new library trends, and, validate what you are doing in your library today.

Of special interest to me this year was to reconnect with some of the US Attorney Librarians from other offices as well as meet some I hadn't met previously. Since I'm a solo librarian for the first time in my life, it is especially important to know "my family" in the agency. A second exciting event for me was a meeting with Department of Justice Librarians, my "mother" agency. Long term hopes are to coordinate and share not only among the US Attorney Offices but also with Department of Justice libraries. We even

- I. Gary Price's presentation. He discussed the new hot topic on the Intranet which is "pay for placement" search engines, the enhancements in Google.com, and, new Web sites to facilitate searching
- II. The discussion about 24/7 virtual reference desks. I think the future will be electronic communication with a librarian 24 hours/day, 7 days/week
- III. The shrinking library presentations by two law firm librarians and how they went about reducing their library with little preplanning time.
- IV. The session on leading versus following. To be a good leader, you must know how to follow. There were four sections to this discussion including a brief presentation by a pair of professional dancers who spoke on leading and following in a very practical sense.
- V. Finally, the 60 technology gadgets in 60 minutes. A panel of 4 presenters rotated one minute presentations of 15 gadgets apiece. A timer rang each time a minute was up. Unfortunately, I had to leave on number 52 in order to catch my ride to the airport. This information is now posted at www.llrx.com.

started discussing the possibility of having a booth at AALL and sponsoring a presentation on DOJ libraries.

I used to classify conference presentations into one of three categories, 33 percent assigned to each: bad, average and excellent. Now, I classify them differently. There are the sleeper sessions, the reaffirming what I already know sessions and the new and exciting stuff. Here's what I thought was new and exciting:

Of the other events I attended, I especially enjoyed meeting with my new special interest group members (State, Court, County Law Libraries), seeing who our Librarian of Congress is and listening to his brief remarks about developments and sharing at the Library of Congress, the Opening Reception, West Group's big night sponsoring Garrison Keillor and The Guys All Star Shoe band, and touring West Group's facilities.

While the receptions, luncheons and breakfasts are business related, they also are fun and help me get to know others on a social level which carries over into ILL activities and helping one another. I saw a few of my CoALL brothers and sisters but amazingly was so busy that I missed others. I hit the ground running the moment I arrived on Saturday and never stopped to rest until I boarded the plane home on Wednesday.

Overall, I give my conference experience a 4.5 thumbs-up out of 5 possible thumbs-up. Thanks CoALL for helping make it possible for me to attend!



AALL members from all over.
From left: Helen Lawless, NYC;
Mary Smith Forman, USAA, Texas;
Anne Ellis, West, MN;
Druet Klugh, CoALL President;
Barbara Bintliff, AALL President
(with her mascot pink flamingo)

CoALL June 2001 Annual Meeting

By Druet Cameron Klugh

This year's Annual Meeting was hosted by the Supreme Court Library on June 28th. Over a third of our membership was in attendance in their spacious reading room. Incoming President Druet Cameron Klugh called the meeting to order shortly after 5:30. Members old and new introduced themselves and their institutional affiliations. First order of business was to thank outgoing President Linda Rose for all her hard work, energy and finesse in keeping CoALL moving forward this past year. Brief annual reports were given, and have been reprinted in the Summer 2001 issue of *The Scuttle*.

Outgoing Executive Board Members and Committee Chairs received a round of applause for their contributions over the past year. Noteworthy were the "retirements" of Caryl Shipley, of *Scuttle* editorial fame, and Bev Agnew, our hard working Membership & Placement chair; both of whom were term limited. Able Grants and Scholarships Committee Chair Rob Richards passed the torch to David Selden. And a well-prepared Ann-Marie Wills paved the way for Tom Seward to be our new Government Relations Chair.



Many thanks to Caryl Shipley for doing the *Scuttle* for years!

CoALL Scuttle



Outgoing CoALL Board 2000-2001

Back Row: Rob Richards, Tamara Smith, Martha Keister, Anne-Marie Wills, Bev Agnew

Middle Row: Linda Rose, Karen Selden, Martha Campbell

Front Row: Druet Klugh, Kathryn Christnacht, Nancy Sensel

As new president, I announced my goals for the coming year, including:

- Completing the transition in chapter tax status
- Supporting the By-laws Revision Committee in its enhanced and enlarged mission of reviewing the entire chapter by-laws
- Ensuring the transition of *The Scuttle* to electronic form
- Formulating a workable annual budget to ease the Treasurer's burden
- Formalizing "job descriptions" for each board position and committee chair
- Contacting each chapter member to hear what they need from this organization and what they are willing to give back.

Refreshments were served and networking took place. Example: Mary Farner is working with Tom Seward on planning a future "Bridge the Gap" type program for summer/new associates as they enter the law firm environment. Good things come from connecting with your colleagues, so I encourage you to do so at our future meetings!

My thanks to all who attended, and to those particularly who have taken the time to speak to me about the future of CoALL.



Outgoing President, Linda Rose with Druet Klugh, incoming President and Sally Holterhoff, AALL Executive Board Member at the April, 2001 meeting of CoALL

A Note from Charlene Cain of the AALL Government Relations Committee

The Government Relations Committee is currently soliciting nominations for the 2002 Public Access to Government Information (PAGI) Award. Established in 1999, this award honors significant contributions by persons or organizations involved in the protection and promotion of greater public access to government information. Recipients need not be law librarians or members of AALL. Previous PAGI award winners have been the United States Government Printing Office in 1999 for its website, GPO Access, and the Library of Congress in 2000 in honor of its website, THOMAS.

Criteria for selection include :

1. A contribution that significantly improves public access to government information, thereby increasing the public's knowledge about the workings of government.
2. The extent to which the individual or organization has had a positive impact on protecting and promoting public access to governmental information.
3. The extent to which the effort advances the AALL mission and Government Relations Policy.

Though nominations are solicited annually, there is no requirement that the award be given every year.

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> The award is jointly administered by the Government Relations and Awards Committees. All nominations are considered on an individual basis, with complete confidentiality, and according to the criteria listed above.

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> Nominations must be sent to the Chair of the Government Relations Committee, Anne Burnett (University of Georgia Law Library, Law School, Herty Drive, Athens, GA 30602 aburnett@arches.uga.edu), no later than > February 1, 2002.

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