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From Our President

Georgia Briscoe

It's the season of transition, as we move from summer back to our "normal" work or school routines. I hope you had a pleasant vacation during the summer and you're feeling rested and recharged and "ready." It's a wonderful feeling to have, and an important feeling to hold on to.

I'm looking forward to a new year with CoALL. We have an excellent slate of leaders chairing our committees and our members bring us a treasure of resources. One of my biggest failings is taking good people and good work for granted. Being surrounded by smart, fast-paced colleagues who are wonderful to work with is a blessing for which I want to be constantly thankful.

Having traveled over much of the world, I rarely take for granted the beautiful geographic surroundings in which we live in Colorado. As many of you know, I'm in the mountains climbing or hiking almost every weekend because I find this challenging, renewing, and inspiring. It usually allows me to return to work on Monday recharged. Recently, I've been trying to think of a way to "recharge" CoALL. I wish it could be as simple as taking you all for a fall hike in the Rockies!

Many of you have been CoALL members for several years and feel you have done your share of work for the organization. True enough. And it's probably also true that you were not appreciated as much as you deserved for the work you did and the meetings you attended. I think we all realize that it's our own inner self-worth that is most important, but it still hurts when we don't receive the recognition we feel we deserve. So let me say that I will truly appreciate any of you who will allow yourself to be recharged and get back into the swing of CoALL. There is a lot to learn and share with your professional colleagues if you'll only make the effort to come to meetings and give a little. I won't take you and your good work for granted. We enrich each other with our professional presence and sharing even though we don't always realize it. Please join in and have some fun!§

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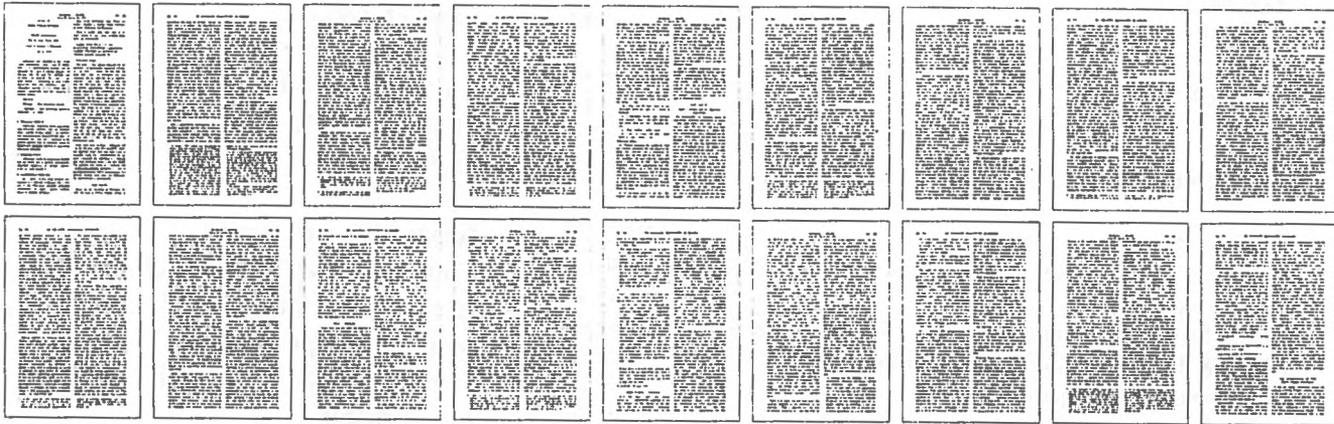
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Patty Wellinger

April 1999 – June 1999

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Interest on Checking	21.43
Membership Dues	15.00
Lexis Ad	60.00
(2) Voided Checks	867.85

TOTAL RECEIPTS: **\$2,764.28**

DISBURSEMENTS:

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Denver Museum of Natural History – SWALL dinner	2,841.00
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SWALL (expenses & share of profits)	6,391.47

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$10,575.02**

ENDING BALANCE: **\$2,992.13**

Member News

Kathleen Clark Edie recently returned to work at the El Paso County Law Library after giving birth to Darwin Robert Edie on June 23, 1999. Darwin weighed six pounds and one ounce. Father, Bill Edie, Kathleen and Darwin are all doing fine. Kathleen is back to work currently 2-3 days a week.

Karen Selden is handling Chapter Public Relations for CoALL.

Jessica Hogan wrote a "Teachable Moments" column for the Spring 1999 issue of Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing.

Patricia Wellinger was appointed to a two year term as the Committee News column editor for the American Association of Law Libraries magazine called the AALL Spectrum.

Caryl Shipley has been elected as law school co-representative to the Staff Advisory Council of the University of Denver. §

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CoALL Meeting Minutes

Compiled by Carol Minor

Date: June 17, 1999

Location: Holme, Roberts, & Owen

Attendees: @ 25 members

The CoALL annual meeting was called to order by Tom Duggan.

Old Business:

Kaye Ammons asked where CoALL supplies are kept as she could not find any during the SWALL convention. She now has two banners. Patty Wellinger indicated she has the archives at the University of Denver Law School.

Linda Rose asked about a retention policy for CoALL materials and wondered if that could be a task for a member-at-large. There was board discussion on how to carry out creating a retention policy and storing supplies.

Mark Estes indicated that AAL might be able to keep archive material.

Druet Cameron Klugh and Rob Richards thanked CoALL for their travel scholarships.

New Business:

The following committee reports were given:

Government Relations-Druet Cameron Klugh

Report is attached. Also discussed was the library associations federation concept. The question as brought up as to whether there should be a federation. The other associations are moving forward on the concept.

Programs and Treasurer-Linda Rose
Treasurer's report is attached. Linda indicated that approximately \$1,500 was made on the SWALL conference.

Bev Agnew and Druet Klugh will co-chair the committee to present "Legal Research for the Non-Law Librarian" at the CLA Annual Conference at Snowmass on October 7, 1999.

Linda discussed programs for the upcoming year. The Holiday party will be at the Supreme Court on December 9th. Also discussed was whether an institute would be held. Druet is doing a presentation at CLA in October 99. Also discussed was the possibility of a joint SLA/CoALL meeting on knowledge management or information audits. David Selden proposed a tour of the National Indian Law Library.

Nominations-Lois Calvert

The results of the election were announced. The Board will pick Mary Water's successor for the Long Range Planning Committee. Martha Campbell volunteered and was accepted.

Membership and Placement-Bev Agnew
Report is attached. CoALL membership applications are due by 8/1 in order for the membership to be listed in the directory.

Marketing

No report.

Newsletter-Caryl Shipley

The newsletter should be coming faster. Rothman is no longer being used as the printer/publisher.

Long Range Planning -Given by Tom Duggan

The question was asked as to who would do the compiling of the union list of city codes.

Advertising-Patty Wellinger

No ads had to be solicited this year.

The 1999 annual meeting was adjourned and the meeting was turned over to the new officers.§

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Candidates for 2000 Election Announced

Chicago, September, 9, 2000 - The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) is pleased to announce the 2000 slate of candidates for Executive Board. Ballots will be mailed to all members on March 3, 2000, and successful candidates will be announced on April 3, 2000. Nominees are as follows:

For the Office of Vice President/President-Elect: **Barbara Bintliff** (Library Director and Associate Professor of Law, **University of Colorado Law Library**, Boulder, Colorado) and Susan Siebers (Director of Library and Information Services Katten Muchin and Zavis, Chicago, Illinois).

For the Office of Executive Board Member (for 2 openings): Pauline Aranas (Assistant Dean for Library and Information

Technology and Associate Professor of Law, Vanderbilt University Law Library, Nashville, Tennessee), Elmo Dattalo (Information Resource Manager, Morrison and Foerster, LLP, Washington, D.C.), Sally Holterhoff (Government Documents Librarian, Valparaiso University School of Law Library, Valparaiso, Indiana), and Bobbie Studwell (Associate Dean of Library and Information Services, Thomas Cooley Law School Library, Lansing, Michigan).

The AALL Nominations Committee is charged with presenting a slate of candidates to the membership that, if elected, would maintain a balance on the Executive Board of members by library type, geographic location, gender, and minority representation to the extent possible.

The American Association of Law Libraries was founded in 1906 to promote and enhance the value of law libraries to the legal and public communities, to foster the profession of librarianship, and to provide leadership in the field of legal information. For more information, visit AALLNET, the official AALL web site, at www.aallnet.org.
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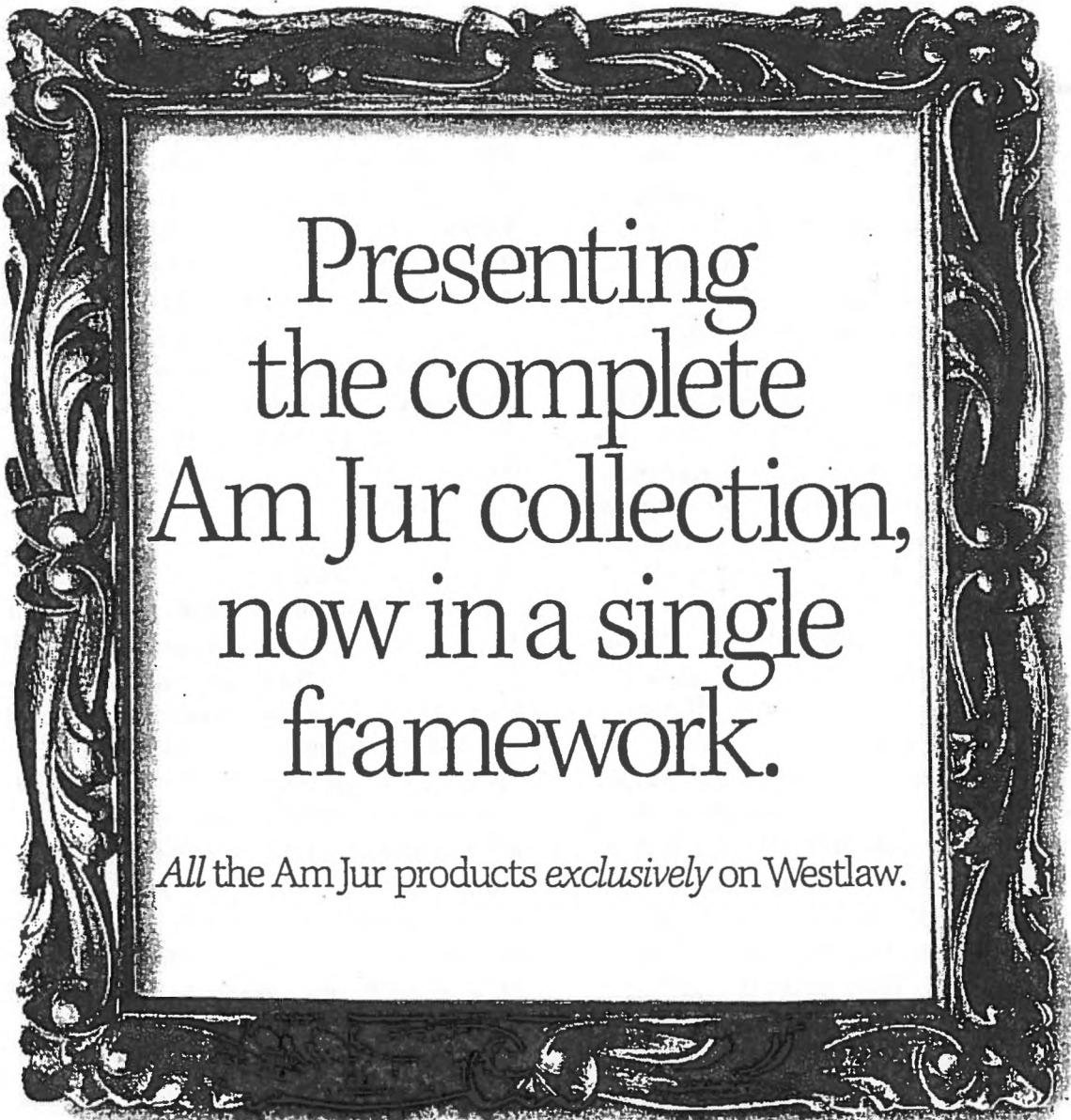
Real Courtrooms and Reel Justice

Thyria Wilson

The assassination of John F. Kennedy has been in the news recently. There was the tragic death of John F. Kennedy, Jr. in July, which brought back memories of the President's funeral. Then there was the "just compensation" argument between the Zapruder family and the National Archives

over the monetary value of the 26-second clip of President John F. Kennedy's assassination. The heirs of Abraham Zapruder, who captured the moments of the assassination with a home movie camera, wanted \$30 million for the film. The National Archives, which has stored the film in a special light- and temperature-controlled vault since the 1970s, offered \$1 million. On August 3, 1999, arbitrators declared that the government must pay the Zapruder heirs \$16 mil-

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lion for the film. The family retains the copyright and has already made a small fortune from selling videos of the assassination for \$19.95. Also in August, KGB and Soviet diplomatic documents, which President Boris Yeltsin provided to President Clinton a few months ago, were translated and became public at the National Archives. The papers disclosed that just days after her husband's assassination, Jacqueline Kennedy made private pleas to Soviet leaders to keep peaceful U.S. relations. The papers reveal details about the reactions of the Soviets.

At the beginning of September, it was announced that Vasili Mitrokhin, who worked for more than a decade in the KGB's top-secret archives, had turned over six trunkloads of notes and copied archive material exposing the KGB's espionage activities against the West during the Cold War. A new book, "The Sword and the Shield," by Christopher Andrew and Vasily Mitrokhin is to be published by Basic Books later this month. The archive material includes evidence of the KGB's plan to link the CIA to the Kennedy assassination. In the 1970s the KGB forged a letter from Lee Harvey Oswald implicating the CIA in a plot to kill Kennedy. The letter was then anonymously sent to three conspiracy buffs and became part of the assassination myth.

The Zapruder film clip was first publicly shown during District Attorney Jim Garrison's prosecution of New Orleans businessman Clay Shaw. Garrison had charged that Shaw was part of a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy. Although Shaw was acquitted, Oliver Stone believed Garrison's theories and based his movie "JFK" on Garrison and his conspiracy charges. Stone could not recreate the "puff of smoke" from the

grassy knoll from a rifle and so used a bel-lows to create enough smoke to be seen. The controversy and allegations of government involvement in a plot to kill President Kennedy that followed the movie led Congress to pass the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992. The Act required the Assassination Records Review Board to gather and make public all documents relating to President Kennedy's death. The Zapruder film was "taken" by the government in August 1998 and the appraisal controversy ensued.

Jim Garrison, who was the hero of "JFK," was discharged from the National Guard in 1952 after army doctors diagnosed him with a "severe and disabling psychoneurosis." He spent much of his career trying to prove that Lyndon Johnson, the CIA, and the FBI conspired to kill President Kennedy. Oliver Stone embraced the theory that Kennedy was assassinated to prevent Kennedy's planned withdrawal from Vietnam. The movie did not disclose actual details from the Shaw trial. One of the witnesses against Shaw was Charles Spiesel. Unfortunately for Garrison's case against Shaw, during cross-examination, Spiesel disclosed that his psychiatrist and the police were conspiring to control his thoughts and that he required identifying fingerprints each time his daughter came home from college. The movie was attacked by most scholars as a paranoid distortion of the truth, but unfortunately many viewers came away believing that they had been shown the truth about the assassination of President Kennedy. §

Paraprofessionals: Surpassing the Grade

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A strong paraprofessional team has always been a hallmark of good library organizations. Administrators know that libraries cannot run smoothly without efficient, reliable staff members behind the scenes. These employees are the backbone of the technical services department. They keep our circulation systems humming. Some provide reference service to library patrons. Paraprofessionals are enthusiastic, innovative, proficient at their tasks, and always ready to please. Although their work is often not glamorous, they rarely complain.

The growth of the paraprofessional workforce has exploded over the past two decades. Where a small cadre of paraprofessional workers could keep early law libraries operating smoothly, today the size of the workforce is substantially larger. One reason is the growth in the number of academic, government, and private law libraries that have been established since the 1980s. At one point, academic and government libraries accounted for most paraprofessional employment. Today, the private sector also employs a large number of paraprofessionals. As law firms grew, attorneys demanded additional library services more quickly. This, in turn, led to the creation of larger firm libraries with more paraprofessionals.

Other reasons for growth in the numbers of paraprofessionals in law libraries are expansion in the legal publishing industry, changes in publishing formats, and advances in technology in law libraries. The '80s and '90s saw a tremendous growth in

legal publishing with voluminous legal titles quickly filling law library shelves. Just acquiring legal materials, keeping them current and routed to patrons creates the need for many new positions.

With the increased use of technology in libraries, paraprofessionals have new and increased opportunities. Computers offer paraprofessionals an even more important role to play in managing library workflow and putting materials into the hands of library users. During the past decade, law libraries were quick to introduce sophisticated new automated systems to enhance library services, and paraprofessionals readily embraced this change. Paraprofessionals learned the new systems, are performing more challenging tasks, and have significantly improved their skills. Many labor-intensive operations that paraprofessionals previously performed by hand have been computerized. This development offers paraprofessionals relief from some of the daily repetitive routines, but also provides an opportunity to polish employment skills. Because technology offers new challenges for employees, it enriches their work experience and offers greater job satisfaction. Similarly, proficiency with automation demonstrates to library managers the valuable contributions paraprofessionals provide to the institution. Often paraprofessionals exceed employer expectations by quickly mastering library technology.

Additionally, although paraprofessionals do not receive the same remuneration or praise as professional librarians, they face some of the very same problems: heavy workloads, burnout, isolation, and, in some instances, a lack of esprit de corps. The lack of an opportunity for formal training further exacer-

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AALL Universal Citation Guide Committee Report

Kathy Carlson, Wyoming State Law Librarian, Member AALL Universal Citation Guide Committee

As many of you may be aware, the first edition of The Universal Citation Guide has now been published and is available from the Wisconsin Bar for \$15. The Universal Citation Guide contains AALL's recommendations for universal citation rules for judicial decisions, statutes, and administrative regulations. The AALL Universal Citation Guide complements The Bluebook by effectively bridging the gap between the current print-based citation forms and the technology-based future of legal information. Universal citation works equally well for both print and electronically published law. The Guide provides a roadmap for constructing actual citations for those jurisdictions that have adopted the Universal citation form. For those jurisdictions still debating the issue of citation reform, it serves as a model for adoption.

At the July meeting of the AALL, the Universal Citations Committee had two

meetings which focused on expanding the guide to include universal citations for additional types of materials.

The Committee is currently working on developing forms for administrative decisions, court rules, and legal periodicals. The first drafts of the styles for these publications were presented and discussed. It is anticipated that the Committee will meet again in October to review the second drafts. The timeline tentatively includes submitting the drafts for public comment sometime in 2000.

The Committee also sponsored the program "AALL's Universal Citation Guide on Trial: The Drafters Present Their Case for the Adoption of New Standards, Parts 1 and 2". There was a lively discussion which included comments by Patrick Fisher, Clerk of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

For those who are interested in ordering a copy of the Universal Citation Guide, it is published and distributed by the State Bar of Wisconsin. An order form is available in PDF format. (Adobe Acrobat Reader 3.0 or higher required) or for more information, please contact: tclark@wisbar.org.



Membership Directories

Bev Agnew

We want to thank William S. Hein who has again generously agreed to print the CoALL membership directories. As you may know, we've had some problems with the U.S. Postal Service, so we did not receive the membership forms as promptly as we would have liked. You don't need to be concerned about being omitted from the directory if you did not get your membership renewed by the August 1 deadline. Due to the problems, we extended the deadline. We anticipate the membership books being published and available later in the fall. We currently have 95 members. §

HOW I RELIED ON WESTLAW AND LEXIS TO CLIMB THE HIGHEST PEAKS IN NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

Georgia Briscoe

On June 24, 1999, I stood on the top of Denali (a.k.a. Mt. McKinley, 20,300') with my gloves off holding out my small Swiss Army knife from KeyCite while my climbing partner took a picture. Why would I do such a silly thing after 13 cold days of hard work to reach the summit of this highest peak in North America? Because Mernie Buddie, the University of Colorado's West-Law representative, made a special effort to give me his own personal Keycite knife for the climb after I lost the one I originally received from West. I want to thank Mernie for his kindness and also for the excellent service he gives our library. And, please know that I used that pocketknife many times throughout the climb and so did my tent mates who were constantly borrowing it. Thank you Mernie!

On December 26, 1997, I carried a Shepard's gray insulated mug to the high camp on the slopes of the highest peak in South America. Aconcagua, at 23,000 feet

on the border of Chile and Argentina, presents climbers with another cold challenge. Large insulated plastic mugs are used to keep drinks and food warm on such climbs. The perfect mug for my trip was the one each of us CoALL members were given when we met in Colorado Springs for a visit to the Shepard's headquarters. Unfortunately, my mug was stolen, along with some other gear that I left in a car at the trailhead when skiing to one of the 10th Mountain Division Huts near Leadville. However, Bev Agnew, a Shepard's editor who I met at the AALL annual meeting in Indianapolis, heard my tale of woe and surprised me one fine fall day with a visit to my office and a brand new Shepard's mug! That mug served me well for the entire climb on Aconcagua and I treasure it to this day. Thank you Bev! (Yes, this is the same Bev Agnew who later joined our library faculty at the University of Colorado.)

I know we CoALL librarians all rely heavily on the products of Westlaw and Lexis in our jobs at work and we value the service we receive from our sales representatives. But I wanted to report that I also rely on Westlaw and Lexis while I'm recharging my batteries climbing the highest peaks I can find.§



Program News

Linda Rose

"HUMAN RESOURCES ON THE MOVE"

Come hear Robert D. Brazil, Human Resources Director at Holme, Roberts & Owen give us his insights concerning this topic on Thursday, October 28th at 5:00pm. We will be hosted by HRO in the board room on the 41st floor. Mr. Brazil has over 22 years of experience in this field having served companies with as many as 2050 employees! He promises us a talk that will be "both FUN and informative".§

New Member Spotlight

Susen Davidson

Hello, my name is Susen M. (Gurwitz) Davidson. I play a dual role of Assistant Librarian not only for the Law Offices of Otten, Johnson, Robinson, Neff & Ragonetti, but also for the U.S. Bank Tower Law Library (formerly known as the Colorado National Bank Building) which OJRNR operates.

I received my Associates degree from Bay Path College (Longmeadow), my Bachelor's degree in education and psychology from American International College (Springfield) and my Paralegal Certificate from the Elms College (Chicopee). All of these colleges are located in beautiful Western Massachusetts where I am from originally.

I moved to Denver a couple of years ago after marrying my husband who is a Denver native. We have a cat named "Topaz." Colorado is a most beautiful state especially for the nature and animal lover that I am. The mountains are magnificent. Since moving to Denver I have also been to Wyoming and Nevada.

My career background consists of twenty years experience working mostly in law libraries, but I have also worked in the public library system as well as the academic. Some of the positions I held before joining Otten Johnson a year and a half ago were: Circulation Supervisor, Catalog Assistant and Library Manager for a small firm of fifteen attorneys. When I worked at Western New England College School of Law Library, I was very much involved in the growth process of two campuses. After we received full accreditation, we moved once again into a

brand new state of the art facility. In fact, since I moved to Denver, I have been reunited with 4 old friends from WNECLS who also moved out here from the east coast.

My interest in radio broadcasting and news became a hobby for me for almost nine years. I was approached by the Dean to help set up a radio station on campus. During my tenure at Western New England College School of Law, I was "on-the-air" several times a week. I aimed my show towards the law school community--"My Legal Eagles." I always played some tunes with legal terms and phrases in them and did features on the progress of the law school, etc. "Lawyers, Guns, & Money" by Warren Zevon was a popular and requested tune. I would tell "law jokes" and read interesting articles or pieces about law/lawyers that I found to be humorous. I figured the law students needed a break from all their hard labors.

I have volunteered for the Scuttle as I enjoyed writing a newsletter at the law firm (back home) and I contributed to the law school's newspaper from time to time. I also wrote biographies about new members and existing staff in a column entitled "Susen's Spotlight."

I look forward to contributing biographies of new members for the Scuttle and I am looking forward to meeting all of you and especially in welcoming all newcomers, like myself to Colorado. §

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bates the situation. Add these factors together and it is easy understand why paraprofessionals feel like the unsung heroes of the law library staff. Many paraprofessionals cope by drawing upon their own inner resources when special training is not available. These resources include interpersonal skills, independent decision-making, and an intimate knowledge of library procedures and applications. Interpersonal skills are reflected in how well paraprofessionals deal with colleagues and patrons. Their willingness to exercise independent decision-making benefits the library when supervisors are unavailable. Their knowledge of library procedures keeps library services running on track even when crises abound.

Fortunately for all concerned, library administrators have become more sensitive to these issues. Overwork and burnout syndromes cross all levels of employment, but probably hit paraprofessionals harder because of the regularity of their daily routines and the nature of their job responsibilities. Feelings of isolation in the library organizational chart may result from several factors: rigid job descriptions, inflexible work schedules, remote work sites, and individual personalities. One way for administrators to help employees overcome these problems is to offer job restructuring or position trades. Another way to help paraprofessionals is to offer further professional training. Paraprofessionals, just like other library employees, need these opportunities for training and development. §

• **Let's Put the "Fun" back in Fundraising!**

• by Druet Cameron Klugh (SLA representative to CL-PAC) and Bev Agnew (CoALL representative to CL-PAC)

• You, too, can party hearty at the fab librarian movie "Party Girl" to benefit the Colorado Library Political Action Committee. This "hilarious cult movie ... simultaneously perpetuates and destroys the stereotype of the librarian." If you haven't seen it before, you're in for a treat. And if you have, well, put on your best pillbox hat and get in the swing of things! A donation gets you popcorn and a beverage; cash bar also available. Please join the show to benefit the lobbying efforts on behalf of all Colorado's libraries.

• This event takes place at the CLA Annual Conference on Thursday October 7th, from 8:30 to 10:30. Other fun reasons to consider attending the Colorado Library Association Annual Conference in Snowmass (Oct 7-10) include:

• Presentation by CoALL member Belen Rodriguez on the "Value Added Librarian"

• Sunday morning tales by NPR librarian Kee Malesky

• Meet authors Ann Ripley, Jean Sutherland, Dick Durrance, Kimberly Kirberger, and more

• Self-tour of area consignment shops

• Learn about Colorado's American Indian Resources

• Visit Bulgaria vicariously

• Immerse yourself in the development of Aspen's skiing industry

• Focus on the beauty of Vietnam

• Participate in a literary mystery event

• Play with poetry magnets...

• ...and much, much more. To view the program, visit the CLA website at <http://cla-web.org> or contact Roberta Lindvall-Selinsky, Office Manager, Colorado Library Association, 4350 Wadsworth Blvd #340, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033, phone 303-463-6400 or fax 303-431-9752. §

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