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Final Notes on This Year's Conference

Rose Flickner, Conference Coordinator

I hope everyone is looking forward to the upcoming conference at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool, NY. The committee is excited and waiting for your arrival.

We can't wait for the Wednesday night mixer on the hotel patio. This night is going to be a fun filled evening starting with a summer BBQ (Chicken, Hamburgers, Hotdogs and many more summer favorites). For entertainment, we will be having a DJ for your listening pleasure. From 6:30-7:30 the high tech bookmobile,



Pop-Up Library, will be in the parking lot for you to visit. Do you like Trivia? Join us for some fun trivia games (we have prizes!) For this evening, we are asking that everyone wear a shirt from your home institution,

if you have one. This way everyone will know what library you are from. What a fun way to mix and mingle. Note: If the weather is not cooperating, we will move this event inside.

Thursday night's dinner will be held at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo. We will be eating in the Conference center located just inside the entrance of the Zoo. We have the Zoo exclusively to ourselves and are free to

wander throughout the facilities after dinner. Along with the animals that are located outside, the Zoo offers an indoor area that houses the smaller animals. Reminder, you will need to wear your name badge to the Zoo as this is your ticket for entrance.

If you are planning to bring a basket to donate to the ever popular basket raffle that wraps up the conference, please contact Michele Matthews at prendm@rpi.edu or me at rflickner@library.rochester.edu.

NYSLAA wishes to reach out to help the communities where we host our conferences. We will be accepting contributions at the registration desk for the following:

- Handmade blankets for the Linus Project. They must be handmade; ie., fleece tied, knitted or crocheted and at least 36 inches in length. These will be distributed to patients in hospitals.
- New toys for the children at the Golisano Children's Hospital.
- Canned or dry foods for the local food pantry.
- Pet supplies for the local rescues; e.g. food, treats, blankets, towels, toys, etc.
- Your sample soaps and shampoos from your hotel rooms that you visited. These go to a women's shelter to help them get back on their feet.
- Cash or checks also appreciated for the food pantry or the rescue.

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NYSLAA’S MISSION

“The mission of the New York State Library Assistants’ Association is:

1. To enhance the professional image and status of NY State’s library assistants.
2. To further their professional growth.
3. To provide a network for communication to our members and the profession on library and library assistant issues.
4. To network and cooperate with library organizations on local, state, national, and international levels.”

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Membership Update

Donna Hanna

Memberships for 2017 is at 241 and 41 members are new.

As you probably know, NYSLAA has offered free membership during National Library Week to people who have never had a NYSLAA Membership for the last two years. This year there were 25 people who took advantage of this offer.

If you move, please be sure to alert me that you have a new address. This will help avoid unnecessary delays in receiving any mailings.

As always, if you have a question regarding your membership or if you need a letter verifying your years of NYSLAA membership for the Certificate of Achievement Program please let me know via hanna@geneseo.edu.

Community Outreach Report

Michele Matthews

Community Outreach Committee needs a Chairperson. If you are interested please contact Michele Matthews at prendm@rpi.edu.

We are collecting items for the following organizations at our conference:

- Donations of non-perishable food for the **Food Bank of CNY**.
- Donations of *new* toys for the **Golisano Children's Hospital**.
- Last year your contribution of homemade blankets was overwhelming and very appreciated by **Project Linus**. We are collecting again. The website for Project Linus is <http://projectlinus.org>.
- **CNYSPCA**, the local animal shelter is looking for donations of treats, toys, food etc.

Donation jars for each organization will be at registration for cash or checks made out to NYSLAA.

Toiletries that you have collected during your travels will be donated to the homeless and women's shelters. Please bring down your shampoos and soaps each morning from your room to the registration table.

Donations Committee Report

Sheila Tshudy, Chair

NYSLAA's Donations Committee welcomed 2 new members in 2016 – Terry Berl and Holley Laudico, both from SUNY Brockport. With the formation of a real committee, the first order of business was to investigate fundraising opportunities. Several members offered a variety of suggestions, and after reviewing them all, we chose Flower Power. With this fundraiser we ran an entirely online campaign. There was no up-front cost, ordering/payment was done entirely online, with direct shipping. Best of all, we earned 50% on every sale. At the end of the campaign, there were 32 orders placed which earned NYSLAA \$1072! We would like to thank NYSLAA members, colleagues, friends and family who supported our fundraising efforts. If you have any suggestions for future fundraising opportunities, please let us know.

Certificate of Achievement

Michele Matthews

The Certificate of Achievement Review Board is looking for a NYSLAA member who would be willing to serve on the board for a two year commitment. If you would like more information or are interested please contact Michele Matthews prendm@rpi.edu.

The Review Board is ready to assist any member who is interested in earning their certificate.
<http://nyslaa.org/certificateprogram.html>

Retirement News and New Corresponding Secretary Announcement

Our Corresponding Secretary, Dawn Gage, has retired from SUNY Oneonta as of April 2017. She can no longer serve as our secretary for the Executive Council. Aimee Odell from SUNY Oneonta has volunteered to fill in for the Corresponding Secretary for the remainder of Dawn's term.

Thank you Aimee! And all the best to Dawn in her retirement!



Welcome New Members!

Janet Ackerman	Steele Library
Nancy Allaire	Guernsey Memorial Library
Amanda Ayala-Castro	New York Public Library, Book Ops
Parasueva Barbernova	Baldwinsville Public Library
Rebecca Barnes	SUNY Plattsburgh, Feinberg Library
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Aspasia Luster	Augusta University, Reese Library
Carrie Magnan	Wood Library Association
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Valerie Morgan	Middletown Thrall Library,
Edina Osmanovic	Liverpool Public Library
Stephanie Salsedo	Ithaca College Library
Anne Salluzzo	SUNY Geneseo, Milne Library
Taylor Sauschuck	Port Jervis Free Library
Bonnie Shaw	Norfolk Public Library, Slover Library
Barbara Simmons-Criss	SUNY Plattsburgh, Feinberg Library
Qua-Asia Wilson	New York Public Library

Dear NYSLAA Members:

Your organization needs you!

As you all know, NYSLAA was created to enhance library assistants' image and status, further our professional growth, and provide a network for communication to our members. But accomplishing this takes work. We are asking you to support your organization by considering becoming a member of one of our committees.

- **Public Relations Committee**—needs a new chairperson. The duties are: Publicize NYSLAA across New York State, Contact NYS Legislature concerning proclamation of Library Assistants Day in February and obtain copy for Archives, Promote Library Assistants Day, Publicize Annual Conference on: NYSLAA-I, Libsup-I, NYSLAA Network Connection, Ad in Associates by February, Work with Donation Committee in fundraising activities, Submit written report and/or committee minutes for each Executive Council meeting, Pre-Approval from Executive Council for activities, Financial documentation to Treasurer, Annual report to NYSLAA President by January 15th , Two year appointment—even years.

- **Newsletter Committee**—Tammy Southard, our Corresponding Secretary and newsletter editor, could use your assistance contributing, soliciting, and/or proofreading articles for our quarterly publication. This could all be done via email.

- **Donations Committee**—Donations Chair Sheila Tshudy would love some help in soliciting donations (money, items, or services) for our annual conferences. The items and money would be used for scholarships, raffle prizes, door prizes, or give-way items that are included in the welcome packet. Your involvement could be sending out solicitation letters or asking vendors for contributions.

- **Conference Committee**— Conference Chair Rose Flickner is new in this position. This committee would benefit by members lending a hand in presenting another fine annual conference, whether it be by getting speakers from your library to do a workshop, making recommendations for future workshops or places to hold a conference, or carrying out various assigned tasks at the conference.

- **Certificate of Achievement Committee** – Certificate of Achievement Review Board Coordinator, Michele Matthews is looking for one or two NYSLAA members to review packets submitted by members. This would be a two-year commitment and Review Board members need to be approved by the Executive Council. This person(s) does not need to have their certificate to serve on the committee. The packets are reviewed via email.

- **Community Outreach Committee** – needs a new Chairperson. This person would work with the local conference committee to find out what local charities are in need of assistance, would contact these organizations and offer our help, submit a written annual report to the President in January.

Additionally, we need someone to act on our behalf as a NYSLAA Ambassador. The duties of this position include: act as an advocate of the Association by representing the Association at conferences and other meetings at the request of the Executive Council, assist in the promotion of the Certificate of Achievement Program, as well as other Association programs and activities; 3) submit a written annual report to the President in January.

Please think about joining one of our committees. We have a remarkable association, but it takes work. More members sharing in the effort makes work lighter for those already very involved in NYSLAA. Thank you for considering this. If you are interested please contact Michele Matthews at prendm@rpi.edu.