President’s Message
Elizabeth Rhodes, University of Baltimore Law Library

Each year new challenges were met, each year there were new accomplishments. That’s quite a legacy for LLAM. That commitment to hard work, overcoming challenges, and successful completion of projects has been carried on by your 2001-2002 Board and members.

Ruth Hodgson, this year’s Vice-President and Program Chair has planned programs so highly rewarding that there can be no doubt that the time spent away from the office to attend them was time well spent. LLAM’s holiday party, which took place at the Camden Yards Warehouse, was also arranged by Ruth, and was a festive event enjoyed by all.

Part of the fun at the Holiday Party was LLAM’s first Silent Auction. Items donated to the auction ran the gamut from a palm pilot to tickets to the Handel Choir’s performance of the Messiah, to copies of some of the Audubon prints which are housed at Maryland State Law Library, to cosmetics. Ruth arranged for there to be twenty items, in honor of LLAM’s twentieth year. Judging from the number of competing bidders, for the auctioned items, and by the glee on the faces of winning bidders, all items were greatly appreciated. Thanks go to all who donated, including Lexis and Westlaw, and to all who bid and purchased. The LLAM coffers were swelled by hundreds of dollars thanks (Continued on page 4)

Program News
Ruth Hodgson, Vice-President/Program Chair

LLAM does ANnapolis
A flock of LLAM’ers descended on Annapolis and the Maryland General Assembly to take advantage of February’s program to observe the General Assembly “in session”. Patricia Harrison, from the Department of Legislative Services, was our tour guide.

After we viewed the Maryland General Assembly video detailing the legislative process we were escorted to reserved seats in the Senate Gallery in the Maryland State House. By a coincidence, Dr. H. Mebane Turner, president of the University of Baltimore, was being recognized for (Continued on page 3)
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his 32 years of leadership and devotion to Baltimore and the State of Maryland. LLAM was also acknowledged by President of the Senate, Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.

Our group then crossed over to the House gallery and observed a heated discussion on the proposed “Black Bear Management Permit Program”. We were enlightened by terminology relating to a bear hunt such as “gang” shooting and bear “harvest”.

Our journey continued with a guided tour of the historic rooms and chambers of the State House. In the Maryland Silver Room, one of our LLAM tour members, Dee Van Nest, was proud to point out that her grandfather, a well-known silversmith for Kirk, William F. Thommen, was one of the major artisans who assisted in the creation of the magnificent U.S. S. Maryland Silver Service. Next, we were escorted again through the underground tunnel to the Legislative Services Building to see the Bill Room and Information Desk and Legislative Services Library.

Our last stop was the new Miller Senate Building. It was beautifully outfitted with some of the architectural features of the previous Court of Appeals Building such as a Tiffany Dome and exquisite carved fireplace mantels. It is also home to some of the treasures of the former Peabody Art collection.

All in all, this brief look into the workings of the Legislative branch of Maryland state government was well worth the effort taken by the members of LLAM that were in attendance. A special thanks to Johanne Greer from the Legislative Services Library for arranging this wonderful program for LLAM.

UPCOMING LLAM PROGRAMS

March 19th - "Technology Solutions Seminar" presented by Ed Gillespie, Southern Division Technology manager at West Group, will be in the Maryland Room on the 9th floor at Ober, Kaler, Grimes and Shriver from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This will be a brown bag with desserts provided by West Group.

April 24th - A representative from the Maryland Legal Assistance Network (MLAN) will speak on improving the delivery of legal services to the public in Maryland and the Internet-based People’s Law Library. This is also a brown bag lunch to be held at the Maryland Attorney General’s Office on the 17th floor.

May 10th - The 20th Anniversary bash for LLAM to be held in the Courts of Appeal Building in Annapolis. Our guest speaker will be Chief Judge Robert Bell. Don’t forget to mark your calendars for this milestone event.

Scenes from LLAM’s Holiday Party
to your generosity.

And, speaking of generosity, the Legal Research Institute was another example of LLAM members giving their time and talents for the good of the organization and, in this instance, the community. This fabulously successful Institute was organized and taught by LLAM members. LLAM members Pat Behles and Jim Gernert deserve an enormous round of applause for all the work they did as Co-Coordinates. They organized meetings of all Institute faculty, arranged and conducted a dress rehearsal, and managed to keep the overall picture in mind while handling an almost infinite number of details. Together Pat and Jim drafted a letter inviting public librarians to the Institute, and sent that letter to Staff Development Coordinators. Pat, as Registrar received inquiries from as far away as New England. Though New England turned out to be too long a commute, Pat interacted with participants who came from as far away as Delaware, the District of Columbia, Washington County, and Salisbury. Among the eighty eight registrants were public librarians, academic librarians, firm librarians, paralegals, and attorneys. Pat made certain everyone received directions to the Institute, and mailed parking passes to those who needed them. Pat arranged the catering. Early on the morning of the Institute Pat was moving chairs into the classroom from other parts of the University of Baltimore Law Center to try to accommodate this above-capacity crowd. After the Institute was over, it was Pat who consolidated responses to the evaluation form.

Jim Gernert served both as a faculty member and Co-Coordinator of this event. Jim coordinated efforts with the University of Baltimore Instructional Technology Department, so that the faculty could make Power Point presentations. Jim videotaped the event while it was going on. And, it was Jim who came to the rescue every time someone had a problem with the technology during the Institute.

Faculty members themselves had to attend a series of organizational meetings that began six months in advance of the Institute itself, prepare and present their topics, and prepare handouts for students. Just for patience and persistence they each deserve recognition. But, in addition to that, their teaching sparkled! What a pleasure to be part of an organization whose members have such talent and ability. Each faculty member knew his or her material cold, and presented it with authority and clarity. Institute students learned, and did so with pleasure. There's more. Faculty members all contributed in additional ways. Anne Morrison, LLAM's current Public Relations Chair, (and a Past President) sent numbers of emails to numbers of listservs publicizing the event. Maxine Grosshans (another Past President) collected handout materials from faculty members and had copies made for students. Valerie Diamond researched whether or not credit could be given for the Institute, and unearthed the appropriate format for certificates. Steve Anderson and Mike Miller, two Past Presidents, took time out of their hectic schedules to have a long chats with LLAM's current President about some of the things that could make this endeavor work. And Anna Cole (yet another Past President!) as one of those who had taught this type of Institute in the past for LLAM, provided invaluable guidance. There were others whose time and talents were essential to the success of this project. Dee Van Nest of the Maryland State Law Library deserves kudos for the magnificent brochure she designed, and for preparing certificates. Kevin Otten, LLAM's Technology Chair, mounted information regarding the Institute on the web. And then of course there are those LLAM members who stayed in their own libraries, taking up the slack left by those who were working on the Institute. Thanks to all who helped in any way! The Institute was mounted on a shoestring budget. With the dedication and hard work of all involved, profit, measured financially, was over two thousand five hundred dollars. But, profit was not merely financial. This event showcased LLAM to many who were not familiar with the organization. It made plain the fact that law librarians are able and willing to help by presenting trainings, and responding to specific questions. LLAM gave to some very eager students information they very much wanted to have. This is something additional to celebrate in our 20th year. Please join us at the Spring Fling. An opportunity to celebrate LLAM, its past and its present.
LLAM Legal Research Institute Attracts Capacity Crowd

On January 8th of this year, LLAM presented the “Legal Research Institute 2002: Introduction to Maryland and Federal Resources.” The day-long program was held at the University of Baltimore School of Law, and attracted a capacity crowd of 88 people. Attendees came from all corners of the state, and included both law and non-law librarians, from academic, public, and law firm libraries (with even a few non-librarians thrown in for good measure).

The program began with welcoming remarks from LLAM President Elizabeth Rhodes, and an official welcome from Gilbert Holmes, Dean of the University of Baltimore Law School. Steve Anderson of Gordon, Feinblatt then began the instructional part of the program with an “Overview of the Legal System,” and was followed in the morning session by fellow faculty members Anna Cole of Miles and Stockbridge, Mike Miller of the Maryland State Law Library, Valerie Diamond of Enoch Pratt Free Library, Jim Gernert of the University of Baltimore Law Library, and Anne Morrison of Prince George’s County Law Library. The instructors provided a crash course in state and federal cases, codes, and regulations, in both print and electronic formats, all in just three hours.

The brisk pace continued in the afternoon session, with Maxine Grosshans of the University of Maryland Law Library providing a one hour overview of secondary legal sources, and Anne Morrison and Valerie Diamond devoting another hour to a “web wrap-up,” with helpful websites for every legal research occasion. Mike Miller concluded the program with information on “where to find it all,” providing locations for libraries with significant legal collections.

Based on both the great turnout and on participants’ overall evaluations of the program, LLAM’s (first in many years, if not quite first ever) Legal Research Institute must be judged a great success, which should be very rewarding to all of the LLAM members who devoted such a tremendous amount of time and talent for the occasion. Along with the faculty members, both Pat Behles, the Institute’s Coordinator and Registrar, and Elizabeth Rhodes, LLAM’s President and a primary motivating force behind the program, devoted huge amounts of time to the endeavor, and deserve sincere thanks and appreciation for contributing to its success.

Written by Jim Gernert

Maxine Grosshans demonstrates secondary legal sources
FROM THE LLAM ARCHIVES

ONWARD AND UPWARD

In 1982, LLAM became a chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries. During its first year, 1982-1983, LLAM accomplished much: four educational programs, four issues of the LLAM News, articles in the Annapolis Evening Capital and the Baltimore Barrister, an update to the Maryland County Publications List and a growth in membership from 46 to 78.

The year 1983-1984 saw even more advances. In her annual report, President Loretta Yaller listed the accomplishments of the board and members for that year. The Program Committee, chaired by Yvonne Harris, presented “The Insider’s Annapolis,” held at the State Law Library with the following speakers: the Honorable John C. Eldridge, Court of Appeals, who, in addition to describing the Court’s purpose and the cases that it hears, explained why the Court’s judges wear red robes; Donovan Peeters, from Legislative Reference, who spoke about the sources of Maryland legislative history and the plan to microfilm the bill files; and Robert Colborn, of the Division of State Documents, who spoke about the possibility of making COMAR available online (this was 1983). Other programs were a brown bag luncheon on taxation, a program on “Library Designing, Moving and Preserving” and a “Day in D.C.,” which included visits to the Supreme Court with a chance to hear oral argument and to the Law Library of Congress. (I remember the trip to the Supreme Court very well and Penny Hazelton’s lively and amusing talk in the Court Library. This must have been the year that I joined LLAM. B.R.)

Probably, the most exciting and far-reaching program presented that year was one presented to the community on May 1, 1984, Law Day. It was entitled “In Loco Parentis – Management’s Role in Child Care” and included speakers Mary McClung, Vice President of Marketing Research at First National Bank of Maryland, Janet Singerman, Director of Development of the Maryland Committee for Children, Steven Miller, legislative aide to Senator Dennis DeConcini and Deborah Robinson, an associate with Frank, Bernstein, Conaway & Goldman, who discussed the status of federal and state legislation on child care and the tax questions raised. This program was publicized with articles in the Daily Record and the Sunday News-American. (The firm is gone and the newspaper is gone but LLAM is alive and well!!)

Other outreach to the community included the organization of a consulting committee and its first job. Sally Miles and Yvonne Harris traveled to a Washington, D.C. law firm and made recommendations for its library. LLAM also staffed a booth at the annual meeting of the Maryland State Bar Association in Ocean City and offered copies of its publications for sale.

The Publications Committee, chaired by John Nixdorff, revised the County Checklist and the Union Lists of Periodicals and Looseleaf Services. John, in his inimitable way, had this to say about the newsletter:

The newsletter, such a constant source of excitement and surprise to its editor, will attempt next year to establish firm publication dates, and with them, firm closing dates for inclusion of information. Although such nominal planning will take much of the fun of publishing out of the newsletter, it may have the side effect of lessening the editor’s absurdly rapid rate of aging.

Nevertheless, four issues of the newsletter were published that year. In addition to notices of meetings, news from publishers and messages from AALL, there were substantive articles on the new library information management system at the University of Maryland written by Barbara Gontrum, the new State Publications Depository and Distribution Program written by Mike Miller and the Municipal Charter Compilation Project written by David Iannucci of the Department of Legislative Reference. The column “Comings and Goings” reported that Jean Hessenauser moved from the University of Maryland Law Library to Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander and that Barbara Pfiefer (Spayser) moved from Weinberg & Green to the Maryland State Department of Legislative Reference. It was also announced that the LLAM newsletter would be indexed in the Legal Information Management Index. (Continued on Page 7)
News of Members

LLAM would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

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Please add Deborah and Sherry to your directory.

On February 5, Valerie Diamond, together with Jeff Korman of the Pratt Library Maryland Dept, gave a program for Pratt staff entitled Improving Legal Reference Skills. The goal of the program was to assist librarians without legal backgrounds to help customers with law-related questions using both print and online resources.

January 15 - 19 Valerie attended the American Library Association Midwinter Conference in New Orleans where she participated as a member of the Best Books for Young Adults Committee.

There are two new faces at the Baltimore County Circuit Court Law Library: Jose Torres is the new Associate Law Librarian and Adrienne Cousler the new part-time evening librarian. Director, Stephanie Papa also reports that she is engaged to John Levasseur; an August wedding is planned.

Sally Miles will be filling in for Stacey Ray at Niles, Barton and Wilmer while Stacey is on maternity leave. Sally will be working two days a week until June.

LLAM would like to extend its deepest condolences to Jean Hesseneauer and her family on the recent loss of her father, Andrew Bell.

LLAM would also like to extend condolences to the family of Ned DeRussey, a long time West Publishing Sales Representative.

From the LLAM Archives (continued)

LLAM was not the only chapter of AALL trying to establish itself that year. The Archives contains letters from the Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association asking for a copy of LLAM's membership policies ("we have no membership policy other than any section of our Constitution and Bylaws which applies to membership"), from the Law Librarians of New England asking if LLAM has a brochure ("I regret to inform you that we do not have a brochure at this time") and the Phoenix Area Association of Law Libraries asking if LLAM has guidelines for its internal operating procedures ("so far we have played it by ear").

The Board and members of 1983-1984 could not do everything; they had to leave something for the next Board to accomplish. Yvonne Harris was the incoming president. Mike Miller was elected Vice-President with Jean Hesseneauer as Secretary/Treasurer. New Board members were Jim Gillispie, Eisenhower Library, Johns Hopkins University; Pat Hargis, U.S. Courts Library, and Barbara Pfeifer (Speyser), Legislative Reference.

Beverly Rubensten
LLAM Archivist
Career Spotlight
Pam Gregory, Prince George's County Law Library

"Iron Woman":
Longevity in the Law Library

Cal Ripken retired from the playing field last year, capping a career that has spanned twenty years. On stops along Cal's "farewell tour" of the American and National League baseball fields, he was lauded for his longevity, his dedication to his craft, and his love for his chosen profession. No one can deny that this man is indeed worthy of such praise, and very few individuals can claim such dedication to the same job for such a length of time, whatever their profession.

But even Cal Ripken's "Iron Man" record pales in comparison to the dedicated service provided to the Prince George's County Law Library by Pamela Gregory. This year marks her thirtieth anniversary with the Circuit Court for Prince George's County! Pam became the Law Librarian in September of 1971, when there were fewer judges on the bench, a much smaller bar association, and considerably fewer books in the library collection.

Thirty years ago, only science fiction enthusiasts would have envisioned the use of computers for legal research. But just a few years later, Pam guided the law library into the future by becoming one of the first law librarians in the country to "test drive" the Westlaw and Lexis systems. (Does anyone else out there remember the old modems which required the user to place the telephone receiver into the set to allow the "tones" to complete the data transmission?)

Through Pam's efforts, the Prince George's County Law Library became a model for other county law libraries throughout the country. Pam was one of the first librarians in the country to offer a computerized legal research service to local bar association members during the early 1980's. Count that ground-breaking Westlaw contract as just one of Pam's many accomplishments during her career.

Pam has long been valued as a legal research expert not only here at home, but regionally and nationally as well. Pam served as the President of the Law Library Society of the District of Columbia, and has provided her knowledge and services in a variety of ways at the national level with the American Association of Law Libraries, particularly within their State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section.

Her energy seems indefatigable. She has written numerous articles for a variety of publications and has co-authored two editions of the book Legal Research in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. (How many people do you know who can say that they literally "wrote the book" on legal research?) She has been a presenter or featured speaker at several programs for AALL, LLSDC, LLAM and the National Center for State Courts. She also taught at the University of Maryland's Library School for several years. (Where does this woman get her energy?)

Pam continues to give of her time and talents, most recently serving on a statewide panel appointed by Hon. Robert Bell on the future of Maryland's Circuit Court Libraries. --Last year, she was elected to our own LLAM Board. All this in addition to her regular duties as Law Librarian for the court!

Thankfully, unlike the Orioles with Ripken, we are not losing Pam Gregory to "Retirement" just yet. (She was just a toddler when she began working at the court, after all!) Happy 30th Anniversary, Pam!

Written by
Anne Morrison,
Assistant Law Librarian
Prince George's County Law Library
AALL News and Announcements

Apply Now for the Strait Minority Scholarship

Applications are available for the George A. Strait Minority Scholarship Endowment. The scholarship provides $3,500 to help aspiring minority law librarians obtain the educational credentials necessary to enter the profession.

Established by the American Association of Law Libraries and West Group, the scholarship is awarded annually to minority students that best embody the career goals of the law librarian profession. To qualify for the scholarship, candidates must be members of a minority group as defined by current U.S. government guidelines. They must also be degree candidates in accredited library or law schools. Preference is given to individuals with previous service to or interest in law librarianship. Applicants must show evidence of financial need.

Last year West Group, a provider of e-information and solutions to the U.S. legal market, donated $150,000 to permanently sustain the endowment. "West Group has been a longtime supporter and sponsor of the AALL, and the heart of our partnership has been education and outreach," said Anne Ellis, director of librarian relations for West Group. "We also understand the importance of diversity in the legal profession and feel strongly about supporting programs that can promote greater diversity and opportunity for law librarians. This endowment underscores that commitment."

The scholarship was created by the AALL Executive Board in 1990 in honor of George A. Strait (1914-1989), a longtime AALL member and law librarian. Strait worked at the Harvard University law school library from 1956-76. He left Harvard twice during that 20-year period to help two other law schools build their library collections: Northeastern University in Boston from 1967-69 and Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C., from 1972-74. After leaving Harvard, Strait became director of the law library and professor of law at the University of Iowa College of Law. In recognition of his career achievements, Strait was awarded the AALL Distinguished Service Award (now the Marion Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award) in 1989.

The deadline for the George A. Strait Minority Scholarship Endowment is April 1. For more information about the scholarship, including an application form, please visit www.aallnet.org/services/sch_strait.asp or e-mail AALL Membership Coordinator Rachel Shaevel at rshaevel@aall.org.

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For further information about the Publications Committee and its activities, to contact the Committee's members, and to find a proposal form, please go to url http://www.aallnet.org/committee/publications/.

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It is easier than ever to get the latest information about the 2002 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference now that it's online on the Association's Web site, AALLNET.

By logging onto AALLNET at http://aallhq.org/database/meeting_annual_events.asp, you can access the dates and times of educational programs, workshops, meetings and events. (Room assignments will be available in mid-June.) With the click of a mouse, you can find committee, Special Interest Section and chapter meetings; AALL business meetings; and special events, like the Opening Reception, Association Luncheon and Closing Banquet.
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**Editors' Corner**

We’re moving right along with the second issue of the LLAM Newsletter. We celebrated the holidays, took a breather and winter is almost behind us already. It’s the season of rebirth. Soon the trees will be budding, the flowers blooming and we will be rejoicing that the cold weather is behind us for another season.

Because the members of LLAM care about one another, we would like to know what’s happening in your life. Has a close family member died, have you given birth, anyone been hospitalized or retired? LLAM now has a “Sunshine Committee” composed of one person, Kathie Sweeney. We’d like to be able to send our congratulations or send our sympathies. Please share information of your friends and co-workers, if it is appropriate. Give Kathie a call at 410-385-3936.

As always, we appreciate any suggestions you may have to make this newsletter better. So let us know of any ideas for a regular column or other features you’d like to see! We welcome any articles you may want to contribute. Our next newsletter will be out in May/June.

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