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- Technology Solutions Seminar, March 19, 2002
- Maryland Legal Assistance Network Program, April 24, 2002
- Spring Fling with Chief Judge Bell, May 10, 2002

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## President's Message

Elizabeth Rhodes, University of Baltimore Law Library

LLAMer! 1982-Kai-Yun Chiu, 1983-Loretta Yaller, 1984-H. Yvonne Harris, 1985-Michael S. Miller, 1986-Sally Miles, 1987-Kai-Yun Chiu, 1988-Katherine Hobner, 1989-Maxine Grosshans, 1990-M. Fay Sauchelli, 1991-Beverly Rubenstein, 1992-Anne Garrett, 1993-Will Tress, 1994-Anne Morrison, 1995-Patricia Babe, 1996-Harvey, Morrell, 1997-Anna Cole, 1998-Betsy Sandison, 1999-Steven Anderson, 2000-Ginger Gerton. Every one of LLAM's Past Presidents worked hard to better the organization and the profession. Without the dedication of each of these individuals, and those who worked with them, the Law Library Association of Maryland would not be here today.

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 bids, 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

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## 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

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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 that 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 19<sup>th</sup> - "Technology Solutions Seminar" presented by Ed Gillespie, Southern Division Technology manager for West Group will be in the Maryland Room on the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> - 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 17<sup>th</sup> floor.

May 10<sup>th</sup> - The 20<sup>th</sup> 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**

