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President's Message

Elizabeth Rhodes, University of Baltimore Law Library

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LLAMer,

It's time to pass the lamb, and the baton. It could not be with more pleasure or confidence that I pass the Presidency of the Law Library Association of Maryland to Ruth Hodgson! Ruth planned extraordinarily educational and well-attended programs for us this year. She was the architect of a 20th Anniversary Spring Fling that featured fabulous food and Maryland's Court of Appeals Chief Judge Bell as the Speaker. Sincere congratulations Ruth! I cannot imagine what she could do now to top the year she spent as Vice President/Program Chair. But I look forward to finding out!

As we enter our 21st year, we can say "thank you" also to some others who worked so hard to

make our 20th year the success it was, and to those who have committed their time and energy to do the same for our 21st. Last year's Secretary, this coming year's Vice-President/President Elect Jim Gernert, not only took minutes at every Board Meeting, mailed out ballots and proposed Bylaws revisions, but also served as Co-Coordinator of our Legal Research Institute, and as a Faculty Member for it. Go Jim! What a track record!

Our Treasurer Kathie Sweeney will be serving in that position for another year. And LLAM members can therefore continue to rest assured their funds will be zealously guarded. It is largely due to Kathie's work that the organization is solvent. I think

Kathie takes better care of LLAM's money than she does of her own.

Pamela Gregory, while continuing to juggle her many responsibilities as the Director of the Prince George's County Circuit Court Law Library, found time to act as a Board Member for LLAM. That meant driving on many mornings all the way from Upper Marlboro in Prince George's County, to Baltimore City! It was such a pleasure to have Pamela on the Board. As one who had served on the Board of other, much larger, library associations, Pamela brought great insight to our meetings. And she took time out of her busy life to prepare the

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Program News

Ruth Hodgson, Vice-President/Program Chair

LLAM PROGRAM NEWS

The LLAM program year ended with two well attended Brown Bag lunch professional development meetings.

On March 19th, LLAM welcomed Ed Gil-

lespie, Southern Division Technology Manager for West Group, for a brief seminar on the wide range of products and "technology solutions" that enhance the information our libraries provide. Although, as to be expected, there were fre-

quent references to West products it did provide our attendees with an in-depth look at the technology available to our libraries and law firms. We also would like to thank West Group for the scrumptious desserts they

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mountain of paperwork necessary to submit our Legal Research Institute for an AALL award. Though we did not win the award, Pamela's efforts are nonetheless greatly appreciated.

Anna Cole kindly served yet another year on the LLAM Board. There were so many issues to address this past year that we had seven Board meetings. And Anna attended them all, as well as serving as a Faculty Member of our Legal Research Institute! Thank you, Anna.

Carol Mundorf will be a familiar face at next year's Board meetings, as she served this past year as the Chair of our Placement Committee. We all look forward to seeing Carol at Board Meetings as one of our new Directors.

Andy Zimmerman will be a new face at next year's Board Meetings. Andy has won the position of Secretary of LLAM for our 21st year. And Sue Edmonson will fill out the Board by serving as our other Director. Though I've not had the opportunity to get to know either Andy or Sue well, I look forward to their contributions as part of LLAM's governing body. There is not room here to thank all of those who made such a difference to LLAM last year. I wish there were. LLAM is a volunteer organization that would not exist without the good will and efforts of its many members. Thanks to all of you. And best wishes to Ruth and the new Board!

Elizabeth ---



Program News (continued)

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provided for our members.

On April 24th we were hosted by the Maryland Attorney General's Office for an informational meeting with Ayn Crawley, Director of the Maryland Legal Assistance Network (MLAN). It was a delightful program with Ayn, who was accompanied by Luther Blackiston, Legal-Aid Law - Technology Coordinator. They emphasized MLAN's goal of increasing access to legal information and assistance to low and moderate income persons in Maryland. Also there was a demonstration of two components of the MLAN project, People's Law Library website and the Maryland Justice website.

In addition, Ayn made a plea for law libraries in Maryland to consider sponsorships and collaborations with MLAN in the name of equal access.

I would like to conclude this corner of the newsletter reserved for program news to thank all who helped in anyway to make the 2001-2002 LLAM programs successful. A special thanks to Ronney Manger, Anna Cole, Ginger Gerton and Beverly Rubenstein for making there workplaces available for our brown bag lunch programs. Thanks also to Johanne Greer for planning a wonderful tour of the Maryland General Assembly and to the Maryland State Archives for a peek inside their fascinating facility. And last but not least a thank you to Lexis Nexis and West Group for making available their services in support of LLAM. Now I'm looking forward to seeing what our next Vice President/Program Chair will have in store for us in 2002-2003.