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## Chair's Message

In March I represented State, Court, & County Law Libraries at the Third National Court Technology Conference in Dallas by staffing the AALL exhibit booth. Shirley David was on the faculty, and other SCCLL member attendees included Karen Moss (U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit), Thaddeus Bejnar (New Mexico State Law Library), and Ruth Etheredge (National Center for State Courts). Karen and Ruth were instrumental in helping me to get the booth put together—"slot A goes where?!!" Our friends from the Dallas County Law Library—Marcia Baker and June Clee—helped to staff the booth, and were a great help.

Representing our Association at CTC III was an incredibly rewarding and exhilarating experience. It was the perfect avenue for "Passing the Word"! Exhibitors, such as document imaging companies and micrographics distributors, wanted to know how to get in touch with law libraries. Court administrators and judges were excited about how to get us involved in some of their projects. Many wanted to know if they should hire a real librarian, or if they should send their librarians to our meetings(!). And the MIS people were quite startled to hear us say that libraries should be included in court automation planning.

I frequently become frustrated when I sense that public law libraries are misunderstood, unappreciated or ignored by those people with whom we work or by other members of AALL. I have come to realize, however, that others aren't going to appreciate how smart, talented, and creative we are if someone doesn't clue them in in the first place! I think it is indeed possible that our colleagues in AALL who have worked only for law firms or in academia haven't a clue about us: they need to be told about the incredible balancing acts we perform, the burdens of being publicly funded, the wealth of experience we have in teaching, and the challenges of dealing with illiterate pro se's, high school students, and Supreme Court Justices during the same half hour.

We—that means you, my good friends—need to get out of your offices, out of your libraries, and out of your courthouses, and spread the news. Go to your state library association and your state bar association. Be a workshop presenter. Staff an exhibit booth. Hand out your business card. Distribute literature. Be a speaker at Rotary. Let your community, your bench, bar, and fellow librarians know who you are. Tell them what you can do for them. You indeed are the very best sales force we have in marketing what we need. Don't ever forget: until others understand all we can do, they will be unable to help us get what we want!

Consult, inform, network—PASS THE WORD! If we can't help ourselves, who's gonna do it for us?

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## Message from the Editors

This is the last issue of the Newsletter for this year. Kathy and I are appreciative for all of the assistance that we have received from the members of our committee. This Newsletter would not be published were it not for their voluntary efforts. They have really followed through this year, and provided us with articles on a variety of topics, and we could not have done it without them.

Kathy and I have decided to pass the baton to a new team next year, and this will be our last issue as editors. We have thoroughly enjoyed editing your newsletter for the past two years. However, we are willing to assist the new editor/s next year, and we even have some articles ready for the first issue.

See you in San Francisco!

*Regina Smith  
Kathy Coon*

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## AALL ANNUAL MEETING REMINDERS

### Persons With Special Needs

#### Special Meals

Persons requiring vegetarian or Kosher meals for the President's Luncheon and the Closing Banquet are reminded to stop by the Information/Hospitality Desk to request their meals. Requests for both events must be made by 5:00 P.M. Sunday, July 19, 1992.

#### Persons with Disabilities

Persons with a disability requiring auxiliary aids and services as well as others who may require transportation to and from the Opening Reception and the President's Luncheon are reminded to check the appropriate box(es) on page 30 of the Preliminary Program.

### Program Changes

- A-6 "The Lavender Library..."  
10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. (date/time change) 7/21/92
- AALL Executive Board Training and Executive Session:  
8:00 am - 6:00 pm (time change) 7/16/92
- AALS Section on Libraries Executive Committee  
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm (add) 7/18/92
- AALL 1992/93 Committee Chairs  
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm (add) 7/18/92
- Council of Newsletter Editors  
7:00 am - 8:00 am (add) 7/19/92
- Foreign Comparative & International Law SIS:  
Asian Law Working Group  
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm (add) 7/19/92
- Legal Information Services to the Public SIS:  
Business Meeting and Luncheon  
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm (add luncheon) 7/19/92
- Micrographics & Audio-Visual SIS Business Meeting  
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm (add) 7/19/92
- Ohio Regional Consortium of Law Libraries  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm (add) 7/18/92
- Online Bibliographic Services SIS Business Meeting  
3:15 pm - 4:45 pm (add) 7/19/92
- Online Bibliographic Services SIS 1992/93 Board Meeting  
4:45 pm - 6:15 pm (add) 7/21/92
- Technical Services SIS Business Meeting  
1:30 pm - 3:00 p, (correct time) 7/19/92
- Thompson/Carswell Film (CANCELED)
- University of Washington Alumni Reunion  
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm (time change) 7/19/92

