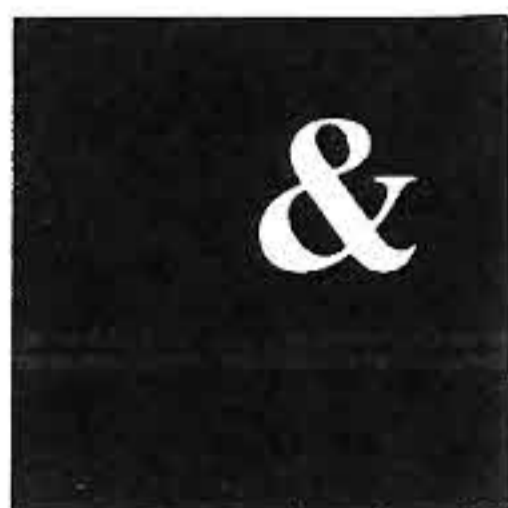

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Chair's Message

Plans and Resolutions

Greetings and Happy New Year 1994! The new year is a good time to make plans and resolutions. But we need to identify what is really important or otherwise our resolutions will never get off the ground. The following are my resolutions for all of us.

1. Stay in touch with your fellow librarians, court administrators, judges, etc. Keep those calls coming.
2. Attend continuing education programs--not just those sponsored by law library organizations. Many other organizations (court, bar, library, etc) sponsor good programs that help "feed" our minds and keep our oxygen level up.
3. Use immediately what you have learned in your programs. Don't just set the handouts and notes on a shelf and forget them. Implement them. Even if just one idea is used, your time will have been well spent.
4. Simplify your life and get organized. Take that pile of "professional reading", things to do, and just plain junk and throw it away or organize it so it becomes of value to you.
5. Find an INTERNET "buddy" in your geographic area and pledge to capitalize on the vast resources of the INTERNET.
6. Have a happy and productive New Year!

Seattle SCCLL Anniversary Celebration and Program.

Start saving your pennies now for the Seattle SCCLL program that Vice-Chair Marvin Anderson has lined up. This meeting will mark a return to Seattle, where this Section (the Association's oldest) began. Read a full account of all the programs and activities planned in Marvin's article in this issue.

Apply for AALL and Chapter Grants

To help you get to Seattle, apply for any grants that AALL or your Chapter have to offer. AALL Grant applications are in the February AALL Newsletter (or contact me) and due by April 1. If your library's funds are short, take advantage of this grant program.

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Court Management Seminar

Don't miss reading Donna Bausch's article on the Fall 1993 Court Management Seminar in Williamsburg sponsored by the State Justice Institute. This workshop-type seminar gave participants an opportunity to work with court administrators and do some creative thinking about the problems of court administration.

This seminar put together by our own Marcia Koslov is another step in establishing linkages with judges and court personnel.

Committee Activity

Thanks to Committee Chairs for their hard work so far this year. See the fruits of their labors and future plans in the article on Committee Activity.

West Award

West Publishing Company is again sponsoring the West Excellence in Government Law Librarianship Award. Please think about all the contributions an SCCLL colleague has made to his or her library and to the profession and send in a nomination. Full selection criteria is listed elsewhere in this Newsletter. The deadline is March 1, 1994.

Articles by SCCLL members

Three articles by SCCLL members have appeared recently in journals for judges and courts. See the Fall 1993 issue of Judges Journal for the article "Can't find it? Your State Law Librarian (Almost Always) Can" by Marcia Koslov (p.6) and "Online Research vs. Print: and how to economize each for maximum benefit" by Judith Meadows (p.3). Also, read "A Unified Court Library System: Is This Model Appropriate for Your State?" by Ruth Fraley, Marnie Warner and Maureen Well on page 45 of the Fall 1993 Court Manager. If you do not have access to these excellent articles, contact the authors or me (513-887-3456).

Anita K. Shew, Chair

Editor's Message

Halfway from Boston and halfway to Seattle and this issue contains information on both meetings. In the remainder, we're taking care of business. In keeping with our chair's message, we offer a few more resolutions for our readers:

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