Greetings from the President:

Last year at this time, I stated my “Farewells” in “Greetings From the President” not knowing at the time that I would be serving as the GHSLA President for another year. Due to unexpected events, the Executive Board appointed me to a second term as president. With a little hesitancy, I began my second year as president, knowing that I was planning my own wedding about the same time as the GHSLA Annual Meeting.

My second term, however, has been easier than my first term, since I was quite familiar with my presidential role. Each year though is slightly different, because each Executive Board brings a new group of faces to the table. After the first couple meetings this year, the Board members really began to interact and network with each other.

Here are some of the highlights of this present Executive Board:

- GHSLA will have a combined annual meeting with the Alabama Health Libraries Association (ALHeLA) for the first time, which will occur on March 14-16 2001 in Columbus.
- The Consumer Health Committee chaired by Jan LaBeause publishes a chapter entitled “Resources” for Preventive Medicine and Patient Education to be published by W.B. Saunders in February 2001. GHSLA will receive $10.00 per published page of the chapter.
- The Strategic Planning Committee chaired by Donna Trainer creates a GHSLA “listserv.”
- The GHSLA Webpage is being renovated with Webmaster Lee McCarley.
- The Nominating Committee, with a change in the GHSLA Bylaws voted on by GHSLA members, is chaired by the Past President instead of the President Elect.
- The Membership Committee chaired by Roxanne Nelson increases membership to record numbers.
- HelmsBriscoe, a meeting planning company, helps the Executive Board find meetings sites for future annual meetings in Atlanta 2001 and in Savannah 2002.

Yes, as President Clinton and I both write our farewell messages to our constituencies, I realize that my presidency did not have the glamour, publicity and enmity as the Clinton administration. I will, however, be able to fade back quietly into my role as reference librarian at Emory University as the new President Elect, Cathy Woolbright, is voted into office at the March Annual Meeting. So, I will just take a back seat and be available for any questions that the new Executive Board may have.

Thank you I enjoyed the opportunity serving as your GHSLA President once again.

Carolyn M. Brown

Join your colleagues by the banks of the Chattahoochee River, surrounded by the mills that founded Columbus. Forge new friendships, weave new ideas into fresh approaches to work, and create an outreach to the community that surrounds our libraries. Rich in history, hard work and artistic venues, you will be located within walking distance of the State Theatre of Georgia, the Springer Opera House; the River Center (the new performing arts center); shops; unique eateries; historic homes, including Pemberton House - the home of the Coca Cola inventor; the River Walk, which winds along the banks of the Chattahoochee River for twelve beautiful miles; the Coca Cola Space Science Center; and the Civil War Naval Museum.

Rooms are reserved at the Columbus Hilton. Since the rate of $83 plus tax will be honored through the weekend, you may want to stay and see many of the other attractions in and around Columbus: a state of the art Museum; Callaway Gardens; Providence Canyon, also known as the Little Grand Canyon, etc. Be sure to tell them you are with the Georgia Health Sciences Library Association meeting. If you plan to fly, the hotel provides complimentary shuttle service from the Columbus airport; there is a courtesy phone at the airport.

You will be welcomed to Columbus at a reception at The Springer Opera House on Wednesday, March 14, 2001 from 6:00 PM-7:30 PM. After the reception, you will have the option of attending Phantom, by Arthur Kopit and Maury Yeston. Tickets are $16.80, but to get this discount price, you must make your reservation(s) and check payment made out to GHSLA (separate check from your registration check) to Cathy Woolbright by February 14, 2001. Please let me know as soon as possible if you will be attending so we can book enough seats! (cathy.woolbright@crhs.net).

Georgia’s own Jocelyn Rankin, Ph.D... from the CDC, will be our Miriam Libbey/Keynote speaker to start our day of activities on Thursday. The subject of her talk will be: “Libraries Reaching Out--Lifeline to Our States and the World.” Further, an afternoon panel will discuss outreach projects underway by many members of both states. Of course, we will also hear the latest from NLM, and at lunch we will hear all about Deskercise.

The banquet will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2001 from 6:00 PM-7:00 PM at the historic Columbus Convention and Trade Center, once the Columbus Iron Works--which has been wonderfully restored. At the banquet, you will be entertained by the magic of Gary Jordan. Gary Jordan is a well known local magician who has entertained many in Columbus.

Friday two CE courses will be offered: “Bringing Your Library’s Resources to the Web,” taught by Chandra Alston, and “SuperSearcher,” taught by Bryan Vogh.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact me.

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Preliminary Program

ALHeLA/GHSLA JOINT ANNUAL MEETING 2001
2001 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
HILTON HOTEL, COLUMBUS, GA
MARCH 14-MARCH 16, 2001

Reaching Across Boundaries--Sharing Information and Ideas

Wednesday, March 14, 2001
4:00 PM-5:30 PM Registration at the Hilton
6:00 PM-7:30 PM Opening Reception at the elegant Springer Opera House, The State Theatre of Georgia http://www.springeroperahouse.org/
8:00 PM Optional: PHANTOM (Not to be confused with Phantom of the Opera--this musical, by Arthur Kopit and Tony Award Winner Maury Yeston is described as the American upstart box office sensation.) Please see the end of the preliminary program for more information regarding this show and for ticket information.

Thursday, March 15, 2001
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM REGISTRATION
7:00 AM - 7:30 AM RIVERWALK. Take a stroll along the historic Chattahoochee River, following the beautiful Riverwalk as it winds along the banks of the river.
8:00 AM - 10:30 AM BREAKFAST BUFFET AND BUSINESS MEETINGS. The GHSLA and ALHeLA will each conduct their business meetings while enjoying the southern breakfast treats provided by the Hilton.
11:00 AM- 12:00 PM Jocelyn Rankin, PhD., will deliver our Keynote address as this year’s Miriam Libbey speaker. Her address is entitled: “Libraries Reaching Out--Lifeline to Our States and the World.”
12:15 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch will be followed by Helen Reinkin’s presentation: Deskercise. Excellent suggestions and exercises to make our day-to-day computer activities less stressful and to avoid injuries, aches and pains associated with prolonged sitting and computer usage.
2:00 PM - 2:15 PM Break
2:15 PM - 4:15 PM: Outreach Panel. Panel members will discuss their activities in outreach to their communities as we explore ways we can provide services to our external customers. Panel members to date include: Kay Hogan Smith, Rita Smith, Rosalyn Lett, Judy Burnham, and Susan Leik.
4:15 PM- 4:30 PM Lite refreshments
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM NLM and AHIP updates
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Banquet. The historic Columbus Convention and Trade Center provides the setting for a delightful meal. Magician and entertainer, Gary Jordan, will be conjuring up laughter and surprises to finish off the evening. See the Columbus Convention and Trade Center at: http://www.colobusga.com/ccvb.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2001
7:00 AM - 7:30 AM REGISTRATION for CE’s ONLY
7:00 AM - 7:30 AM Continental Breakfast for CE attendees at The Hilton.
7:45 AM - 8:00 AM Catch the Trolley to Columbus State University for CE courses. See Columbus State University: http://www.colstate.edu
8:15 AM- 12:30 PM CE classes - both hands-on (Each CE--4 MLA Credits)
10:15 AM-10:30 AM BREAK FOR CE’s
12:30 PM-12:45 PM Box lunches distributed
12:45 PM-1:00 PM Transportation back to Hilton based upon need. Please indicate on your registration if you need transportation to your CE.
CE Courses Offered (Each 4 MLA Credits)

Bringing Your Library’s Resources to the Web, Chandra Alston.
A most delightful instructor, Mrs. Alston covers everything from selecting what should go on a library’s web page to how it should look. The overall goal of this course is to help the library professional in designing and developing easy to navigate web site. This includes steps in designing a web site, design strategies, site design structure and organization and marketing your web site. Additionally, strengths and weaknesses of existing sites will be identified. Approved for 4 contact hours by MLA.

SuperSearcher
NN/LM’s Bryan Vogh will teach this class that focuses on the advanced search features to the cutting edge of searching. Participants will use various search engines, compare the features and utility of each and develop search strategies that will increase the precision and scope of their searching. The students will have discussions, exercises and view short presentations as a part of the class. The class includes: discussions of web search engines, indexes and hyrbrid of the two, commercialism and how it influences searching and topics suggested by the participants. Approved for four (4) hours MLA CE.

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INFORMATION REGARDING PHANTOM AND TICKETS

PHANTOM
by Arthur Kopit & Maury Yeston

“Christine has but one dream - to become a diva of the Paris Opera. Her lovely voice transfixes all who hear it, including one who lives in the darkness below. His disfigured face hidden by a mask, the Phantom becomes Christine’s musical mentor and looses his heart to hear her charming innocence. From Tony Award Winner Maury Yeston comes the American upstart box office sensation that unmasks other ‘Phantom’ pretenders.” (Springer Opera House)

Tickets are available for the group at the discounted rate of $16.80 each. Please send a check as soon as possible made out to GHSLA (separate check from your registration check) to Cathy Woolbright to reserve your seats.

Cathy Woolbright
Simon Schwob Medical Library
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You may alert Cathy Woolbright that your reservation is on the way by email: cathy.woolbright@crhs.net. Tickets will be reserved upon receipt of payment. Reservations will be accepted until February 14, 2001. Of course, the sooner, the better (seat)!
Conference Summary Information

~Hotel Reservations (Make by February 14, 2001)
-1-706-324-1800
-Tell Hotel that you are with the GA/AL Health Sciences Library Group
-$83.00 plus 14% tax

~Conference Fees
Attendance:
- Member $125.00
- Member fee (if after March 1st registration) $150.00
- Non-Member fee $150.00
CE:
-$85.00 for Members
-$105.00 for Non-Members
*Remember to indicate on your registration whether or not you need transportation to your CE.

~REMEMBER to choose which meal you prefer for the dinner banquet.
- If you have special dietary needs, contact Cathy Woolbright.

~PHANTOM tickets
-Must notify Cathy Woolbright by February 14, 2001
- Email: cathy.woolbright@crhs.net
- Voicemail: 706-571-1178
-Send a Check (separate from Registration check) made out to GHSLA and mail as soon as possible to:
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