President's Message

Happy springtime greetings!

It was wonderful to see such a good turnout for our annual chapter dinner at the 2004 MLA meeting. Thanks again, Steve, for finding the Majestic Cafe in Alexander. Wasn't it perfect?

I hope everyone is looking forward to our upcoming meeting in Tempe. Brian Doherty has been busy making local arrangements. Carolyn Dow, program chair, is still accepting paper ideas.

We offered our first-time-ever MPMLA travel award of $200 to Carole Goebes, music cataloger at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She is our newest member and plans to co-present a paper with Anita Breckbill on music circulating libraries in Europe. Welcome Carole! I'm hoping to see many others join us in future meetings with a little help from this MLA grant we've had for so many years.

Please take time to get registered and to fill out the ballot for this year's elections. Thanks go to Lori Stevens for being such an efficient nominations queen.

I'll be passing the spoon/fork/something to Stephen Luttmann at our business lunch as he moves into place as the MPMLA Chair. Time has truly flown and it has simply been a pleasure to associate with everyone. You are all making such a difference in your respective corners of our far-flung region. I encourage you all to keep up the good work.

Janet
Chapter Chair

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

Brigham Young University
Alicia Buck joined the Music/Dance Library Team as a full-time copy cataloger after Sherry Wadham's retirement in October 2003.

Irene Halliday reports that the ceilings throughout the library area will be replaced during the summer, which means displacement, plastic coverings, and a big mess! Staff members will operate as best they can, and page materials under plastic tents for patrons.

Don Roberts
Don missed the national MLA conference for the first time in almost 40 years. He and Sally took a trip to Antarctica, the Falkland Islands, and the South Georgia Islands. He says words can't begin to describe these incredibly gorgeous and fascinating areas. Antarctica is majestic, with rugged, rocky mountains rising out of water dotted with icebergs. He enjoyed interacting with the penguins.

Sounds marvelous!

Jean Jensen
Jean will be touring Switzerland precisely at the time of the Tempe meeting!

Jenny Williams
Jenny and Clem have ordered a new 29' fifth-wheel trailer and are looking forward to summer traveling. They live in Tempe and will be glad to see MPMLA members at the annual meeting there.
Polley Music Library (Lincoln City Libraries)

The music library received an LSTA grant to digitize about 100 pieces of old Nebraska sheet music and to create a Web page to present that music in an historical setting. Carolyn Dow and Linda Helfman will perform some of the music in October at the Nebraska Library Association conference.

Carolyn, Linda, and Dan Helfman presented musical programs for children at the library during spring break week: an original version of "Peter and the Wolf at the Library."

University of New Mexico

Barbara Lukes reports that space in the Fine Arts Library, which serves patrons in the fields of architecture and planning, landscape architecture, art, music and photography, is currently at 100% capacity with 30,000 volumes already in remote storage. The collection contains over 200,000 items including books, periodicals, art exhibition catalogs, music scores, sound recordings, and videos, plus rare and unique works.

Plans are in development for a new location of the library which will double the floor space available.

University of New Mexico, Los Alamos

Dennis Davies-Wilson reports that the library received a face lift, with a complete interior paint job, new workroom windows and coverings, new entrance doors, and a new roof.

The library hosted several book exhibits, among them, "Shady Ladies of the West" and "The Rocks Begin to Speak," an exhibit of Native American petroglyphs. These exhibits traveled to other college libraries in New Mexico.

All libraries in New Mexico received additional acquisitions money as a result of voter approval for a Library Acquisitions General Obligation Bond passed in November 2002.

Univ. of Northern Colorado

Stephen Luttmann reports that the music library hosted the Rocky Mountain chapter meeting of the American Musicological Society March 26-27.

The music library is training a musicologist from the Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand, who will run that institution's music library when it opens at the end of this year.

University of Utah

Horimi Matsushita and his brother Hidemi (a music professor at Arapahoe Community College of Littleton, Colo.) co-presented a paper "Foster, Work, and Hays in Japan: a Cross-Cultural Curiosity" at the American Musicological Society Rocky Mountain Chapter annual meeting March 27 at the Univ. of Northern Colorado in Greeley.

Suzanne Moulton-Gertig and Stephen Luttmann also attended this conference.

Hiromi says that his visit to Greeley four years ago for the MPMLA conference enabled him to navigate the city easily this time.

New Members

Carol Dix Wilkinson
Public Library, Telluride, Colo.

Heather Buettner, Naxos of America, Franklin, Tenn.

Linda Helfman, Polley Music Library, Lincoln, Neb.

She graduated from the Univ. of Nebraska with a piano major, then studied at USC, UCLA, and Calif. State Univ. at Northridge. She taught piano and music classes at colleges in California until her husband died in 1993. Linda and her son Dan moved back to Lincoln where she now works with Carolyn Dow. One of Linda's duties is the Polley Web page.

Welcome!
ASU MUSIC LIBRARY
Arizona State University Music Library invites you to attend the MPMLA annual meeting in Tempe. The meeting will include interesting papers and presentations, excellent food, tours, and a trip to the zoo. You can be assured of plenty of sunshine, warm (ok, hot) weather, and a chance to mingle with your colleagues.

Located within the School of Music, the ASU Music Library is a branch of the University Libraries. It is home to collections including nearly 30,000 books, 62,000 scores, 34,000 recordings, 1,000 videos, 2,000 microforms, and 11,000 special collection items.

The Music Library serves approximately 110,000 patrons during the year, answers nearly 5,000 reference questions. The facility occupies more than 20,000 square feet. The ASU School of Music is among the larger programs in the United States with more than 800 students studying in programs ranging from bachelors through doctorate.

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The Twin Palms Hotel is conveniently located across the street from the ASU campus and the School of Music. The conference rate is $62 per night. When making reservations, indicate you are attending the Mountain Plains MLA meeting. The hotel provides free 24-hour shuttle service between hotel and airport. Once you arrive at the airport, call the hotel's local phone number for service. The shuttle will also take you to local attractions within a five-mile radius.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS
If you are driving, Tempe is located just east of Sky Harbor Airport, and is bordered by Phoenix to the west, Scottsdale to the north, Mesa to the east, and Chandler to the south. Access to Tempe is easy with the Loop 101, 202, US 60, 1-10 and Hohokam Expressway (143) serving Tempe.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS
From the East Valley:
Take Hwy 60 west exit Mill Ave. and go north (right) to 13th St., turn right, the hotel is located one block on the right.

From Phoenix:
Take 1-10 east to Hwy 60 east, exit Scottsdale/Rural Rd. and go south (right) to Apache Blvd, go west (right); the hotel is 1/4 mile on the south (right) side.

From the airport:
Take Loop 202 east, exit Scottsdale/Rural Rd. and go south (right) to Apache Blvd., go west (right); the hotel is 1/4 mile on the south (right) side.

From Tucson:
Take 1-10 west to Hwy 60, exit Mill Ave. and go

WEATHER
Plan on very warm to extremely hot sunny days (90-106 degrees) and mild evenings (62-80). Remember your sun screen!

RESTAURANTS AND TAVERNS
Many within walking distance.

POINTS OF INTEREST
Rawhide Western Town & Steakhouse, Scottsdale
Arizona's authentic 1880s town
Organ Stop Pizza, Mesa
Eat pizza and listen to the Mighty Wurlitzer, one of the largest and finest theater organs in the world.
Arizona Mills Mall, Tempe
A mall featuring outlet stores
Casino Arizona, Scottsdale
Arizona's largest gaming entertainment casino
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Mesa
A 500-seat dinner theater. “Cats” is playing April 22-June 12.
Tempe Town Lake
Located adjacent to Downtown Tempe, provides a 2-mile recreational haven for kayaking, sailing, rowing, jogging, skating or picnicking.
Phoenix Greyhound Park, Phoenix
Live greyhound racing nightly
Out of Africa Wildlife Park, Scottsdale
A wildlife park with a garden-like setting that allows visitors to encounter the kingdom of the wild
Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix
A living museum featuring 20,000 desert-adapted plants on 145 acres.
Taliesin West, Scottsdale
Served as Frank Lloyd Wright's winter home, architectural studio, and campus for the Taliesin Fellowship.

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- Both days $40
- Friday only $22.50
- Saturday only $22.50

Registration total $________

Thursday evening early arrivals dinner reservation
No. attending ______ I do not plan to attend ______

Friday evening banquet Bamboo Club (Asian cuisine) $25 per person
No. attending ______ I do not plan to attend ______

Banquet total $________

Saturday business lunch included in registration
Partners, family or friends welcome to attend for $15 each
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Guest lunch total $________

Saturday afternoon Phoenix Zoo, $12 entrance fee payable at gate
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Membership dues 2004/2005, $10
Make checks payable to MPMLA
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