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President's Message

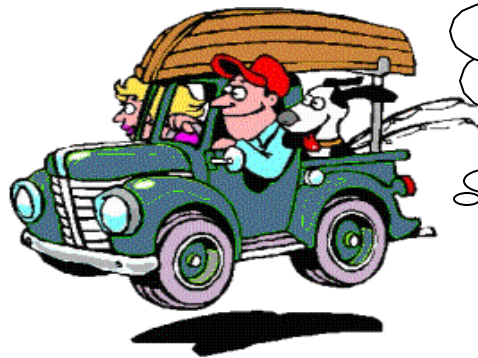
I hope that the summer has been good to all of you, and that the heat and economic situation has not been getting you down. I want to thank all of you for your support and encouragement over the past year. IHIA has a great membership base, and I salute each of you for your willingness to actively participate in the organization and to share your news, milestones, progress and setbacks with your fellow members. Each of us can find helpful ideas and wisdom in the information you share. One of my fears when I realized I had been elected President of IHIA was that I would experience difficulty in collecting enough material to publish two Citation newsletters each year. I should have known that Idaho medical librarians would come through with flying colors. Thank each of you for your submissions of news and ideas—you are great.

One of the ideas that I will be incorporating into this and future issues of the Citation came from Joan Hust, Consumer Health Reference Specialist at the DeArmond Consumer Health Library at Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur d'Alene. Joan thought it might be interesting to feature an in-depth look at one of the IHIA members on a regular basis, and I agree. Most of us know each other

very well on a professional level, but we aren't always aware of the hidden talents and interests of our fellow IHIA members outside the medical library arena. Starting with Joan's contribution, I plan to include a new feature called "A Member's Story" in each issue of the Citation. I hope you will enjoy learning more about each other, and that each of you will be willing to share a more personal look at your own lives at some point in the future.

Thanks to Marcia Francis and Kathy Nelson, we will have a great program with an abundance of relevant information at our Fall meeting in Sun Valley. I hope to see each of you there. Please remember that there are professional development grant funds available through IHIA to support IHIA member attendance at these meetings. I would encourage you to apply for those funds if your organization does not fully financially support your attendance at the meetings, and if you have not received such support from IHIA in the past year. An application form is included in the Program Information at the end of this newsletter.

Pam Spickelmier, IHIA President



Pam, husband Steve and puppies headed to a bass tournament somewhere in Idaho, Oregon, Wyoming or Washington.

News from Around the State

From Mercy Medical Center/Nampa/Jan Walters

Library business has been brisk. I have seen an increase of service to the public since the vignette on library services was shown on TV. The remodeling of the front part of the hospital continues with July 19th being the end of construction. The new lobby is gorgeous. The new ED waiting area is wonderful and coming at a good time as there has been a dramatic increase of patients into that area. I have just completed a purge of the journal collection and changes are posted on Docline. I hope to make it to the Fall IHIA session to see everyone. Have a safe summer and a big **THANK YOU** to Pam for the terrific job she has done as President.

Jan told me I could edit her submission. You notice I didn't let modesty overwhelm me and edit out the praise. Thank you for your sentiments, Jan!
--Pam

From Idaho State University/Pocatello/Kristi Austin

I'm planning to graduate from Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Management -- the Utah 2 cohort -- in mid-August, with an MLS, as is Kathy Nelson. That seems like good news to me! I can't imagine what I'll do with all that free time after school is done; catch up on my sleep, maybe.

--Kristi

**ANNOUNCEMENT: DIRECTOR OF IDAHO HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY
RETIRES**

A reception honoring Nancy Griffin, retiring Director of the Idaho Health Sciences Library, was held Tuesday, July 9th , from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Room 268 of the Oboler Library.

Nancy came to ISU in 1990, as divisional librarian for the life and health sciences. One of her primary responsibilities was to plan for the creation of the Idaho Health Sciences Library (IHSL). The IHSL became a reality in 1993, and Nancy was appointed its Assistant Director. She became Acting Director in 1997, then Director in 1998, and has served in the latter capacity to the present day.

As Director of the IHSL, a facility that serves as the primary health science informational resource for the state, Nancy has been very active in state and national medical library associations. She is past-president of the Idaho Health Information Association, and a long-time member of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association. She has been the recipient of several grants, from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Pacific Northwest Region, and the National Library of Medicine. At ISU she served on numerous university committees, and was the first member of the library faculty to chair the Curriculum Council.

Nancy received her MLS in Library Science from SUNY, Buffalo, in 1989. Prior to that, having earned a graduate degree in Zoology from Michigan State University, she taught anatomy and physiology at Genesee Community College in Batavia, N.Y. Immediately before coming to ISU, Nancy was a hospital librarian at the Medical Library, Mercy Hospital, Buffalo, N.Y.

With her husband Paul, Nancy has three daughters and one son. Her daughter Maureen has become well known to Pocatellans for her accomplishments in track and field. Dogs and horses have also played an important role in Nancy's life; she has raised Collies and field-bred Irish Setters, and owned several horses. Nancy will be returning to the Buffalo area after her retirement from ISU.



A Personal Note from Nancy Griffin

Dear friends:

I just received a beautiful bouquet of flowers from IHIA. What a lovely and unexpected surprise!

Thank you so much for this caring and thoughtful gesture. We've had some good times, haven't we? Don't let our tiny organization die. Providing medical information in Idaho is important, even more so in these times of economic stress. We know that the RML will help us when we need it.

You are all good people, and it has been a pleasure knowing you.

Thank you.

Nancy

From Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center/Idaho Falls/Kathy Nelson

Janeice Boge is on medical leave having a unicompartmental knee replacement done. She did a lot of research on the topic, since she is one of not very many people who have the procedure done after a patellectomy. She phoned the library immediately after surgery reporting she feels fine and expects great results.

Kathy Nelson visited the Library of Congress on her vacation that included 4 different days in Washington DC. She was able to arrange a special visit with two librarians at the library on the LOC website American Memory <http://memory.loc.gov/> and 24 hour reference services. The information they shared was very interesting and the library is of course huge (4 buildings in total).

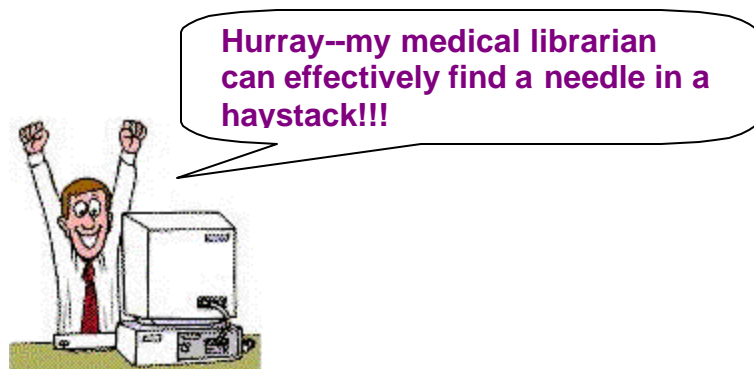


Case Report from EIRMC:

A staff physician recently attended a meeting that included a discussion on the transmission of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) by eating squirrel brains in Tennessee. He asked me to find the report. He thinks it is in the Mortality and Weekly Report of the CDC <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/>

After spending a few minutes searching on the site, we can't find any reports and he leaves. I decide to continue with the search, hoping to pick up something more. I try another link at the CDC http://www.cdc.gov/hoax_rumors.htm thinking this might be an urban legend. But nothing on this variant form of CJD. I try <http://www.dogpile.com/index.gsp> one of my favorite meta-search engines for checking the web DOGPILE using terms "cjd + squirrel". I find a report :Warning On Eating Squirrel Brains <http://www.personalmd.com/news/a1997082902.shtml> the Reuters story actually lists a source in Lancet 1997;350: 642. I find the research letter "Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease and eating squirrel brains" submitted by the Joseph R. Berger, Erick Weisman and Beverly Weisman from the Department of Neurology, University of Kentucky, Lexington KY 40536-0284. The letter and the Reuters story report on a patient from Kentucky with CJD who had a history of eating squirrel brains. Five other patients from Kentucky were seen with probable CJD who had a history of eating squirrel brains in scrambled eggs or in stews called "burgoo". PMID: 9288058 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

Mystery solved. Submitted with a smile. Kathy Nelson EIRMC Medical Library.



St. Luke's Regional Medical Center/Boise/Pam Spickelmier

The St. Luke's Library staff has been very busy preparing for the July JCAHO survey of the Boise and Meridian sites. Job descriptions and library policies have been updated or re-written, desks and shelves have been cleaned, and some long-needed weeding has been done. Thank goodness JCAHO only comes once every three years!

St. Luke's is celebrating its 100 year anniversary this year, and as part of that celebration, a reunion of the St. Luke's School of Nursing graduates was held in late June. The Library became a display space for numerous pieces of

memorabilia collected by St. Luke's and its nursing graduates over the years. There were several old uniforms (aprons, caps, capes, dresses, coats and more) displayed as well as hypodermic kits, class photos, yearbooks and an extensive silver tea service used in graduation ceremonies. A number of the graduating classes helped to accumulate the silver set by purchasing a serving piece dated with the year of their class graduation and then donating the piece to St. Luke's for use by future classes. The school was dissolved in 1956, but it served as one of the forerunners of the Boise Junior College nursing program. All but one of the graduates is now retired, but almost 100 graduates attended the reunion. Since I have been heavily involved over the past three years in coordinating the publication of a coffee table book on St. Luke's first 100 years, this reunion and memorabilia display was fascinating. The book is now finished, and I will bring a copy to Sun Valley for anyone interested in seeing it.

In going through the mounds of photos collected by St. Luke's over the years, we ran across the following photo of the old St. Luke's Library that I thought I'd share with you. It was taken in the days before Docline and PubMed. Some of you may remember Deana Baroli, a former interlibrary loan clerk with St. Luke's and recognize the microfiche reader on the desk in the background.



A Member's Story - A Profile from Joan Hust

August 2002

I am preparing now by collecting books in Spanish to take with me the first of the year on my fourth trip to Guatemala where I have attempted to set up mini libraries for the K'ekchi children in five Orphan schools. The K'ekchi are one of the twenty three indigenous tribes in Guatemala.

One of the Orphan schools had been abandoned by the Government as there are not any roads that lead to it. The group I was with were their first visitors. They were very friendly, and quite happy that we were able to have a local person from a town nearby with a 1950 truck drive us there. I do not know yet how he was able to find the village, and also

how the truck with so many parts missing was able to make it there and back. The tires on the truck did not have any tread. I actually got out of the truck, and directed him around the deep mud holes, and drop offs so we would not get buried in the mud, and have to dig our way out.

I was able with the help of the others in our group to take twenty boxes of books on the plane without cost, and all arrived at the airport in Guatemala City when our plane landed in excellent condition. In fact the boxes were in better condition than we were after the long flight. :-) The books were divided among the five K'ekchi Orphan Schools. The schools are in their village. The K'ekchi live mostly in the mountains where they feel more safe. It is a delight to see their eyes and smiles as they open the books, and see the illustrations. There is something about the children with their shiny black hair, and jet black sparkling eyes that capture your heart.

Just before the Departure Gate on my second trip a trinket caught my eye at one of the little shops. I purchased the item, and I noticed a very lovely matronly lady with beautiful white hair sitting off to the side. I approached her, and noticed that she had rheumatoid arthritis in her hands. It really hurt me to see her hands so disfigured, and as I talked to her I gently rubbed her hands, but then I had to really rush to get through the gate and on to the plane. When I returned to Guatemala this year I did an extensive search on MedlinePlus in Spanish, and carried it with me. Then I realized that I did not even know her name so when I arrived at the bustling overcrowded airport in Guatemala City to depart for home I wondered how I would ever find her. I went from store to store asking if anyone knew this dear lady before I went through the final gate, and a young lady came up to me and introduced me to her Aunt who had worked at the airport a long time, and she knew the lady I described, and her name was Marta. I was able to deliver the Medline search, and explain it to her, and how she could look up MedlinePlus on her sons computer. Marta was very overwhelmed, and did not recognize me till I held her hands. We blew each other kisses as I left to run through the gate to fly home. I am so grateful that I was able to steer Marta to a wealth of information that can be found on MedlinePlus. It has so much to offer the consumer wherever they live in this world of ours.

Joan S. Hust, Medical Librarian
Kootenai Medical Center
DeArmond Consumer Health Library
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

-- Now next time I choose Nola Higley to write about riding her horse in the lovely area where she and her husband live in Idaho. Joan



Spring 2002 IHIA Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2002

Spring meeting for the IHIA was held at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Those in attendance were Pam Spickelmier, Amy Claybaugh, Cecilia Sharp, Kristi Austin, Nola Higley, Terece Borgerdein, Marcia Francis, Sandy Hight, Kathy Nelson, Janeice Boge and Margaret Davis.

Minutes of the Fall meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved as printed.

Pam discussed issues with encouraging BSU to become Docline participants. She will continue subtle encouragement.

A request was made for the membership to pay their dues. Pam will e-mail second notices.

Pam reminded the membership that the association assists members in attending IHIA and other educational meetings directly connected to IHIA. Applications should be submitted to Pam.

There was some discussion about whether anyone had been elected to fill the position of president-elect. Marcia Francis admitted to being elected to that position.

Web Site Updating

The IHIA website was discussed. A request will be made of the State Library to get information to update the website. Marcia offered to follow up and do some updating. After some discussion the group decided that it would be of value to continue the website on a trial basis. Marcia will take care of this.

Bylaws

After some discussion it was decided to do some investigation and discuss the dues "category" section of the bylaws at the Fall meeting.

Union List

It was recommended that the the contact information at the front of the Union Lists be checked for accuracy. Notices will be sent out regarding the availability of the list online. Pam will contact the RML and address the subject of the Union List at the Fall meeting.

Individual Library Reports

Eastern Idaho RMC: Kathy and Janeice reported that the library would not be affected by the new construction. She reported that about 40 physicians are currently using MDConsult. Kathy will be graduating with her Master's Degree in the Fall.

ISU-IHL: An announcement was made concerning rush orders of articles through ISU. Please contact Kristi directly at 282-4686 for rush needs. There are no rushes through ISU. Marcia reported that the state budget cut is being felt, but as yet she is not sure how much it will impact the library. Please continue to make them aware of journals that your are getting rid of as they are still able to archive journals. Marcia also announced that some of the holdings of the State Library would be transferred to ISU, possibly as early as July. Grant information from NLM was discussed for digital libraries in rural areas. Marcia reported that Nancy Griffin hopes to retire this summer and will be moving back to New York. She also reported that Kristi will be graduating with her Master's Degree this Fall.

Magic Valley RMC: Nola reported that their library space would diminish by half with the changes that are happening at their hospital.

Bingham Memorial Hospital: Renovation conitnues at the facility with few changes to the Library.

St. Alphonsus RMC: Sandy and Terece reported that they had hosted a vendor fair for nursing education and that they now had the EBSCO database, MDConsult and information prescription pads for physicians to get information to their patients.

St. Luke's RMC: Pam reported that they are learning to manage E journals. The are promoting the library and becoming comfortable with multiple sites. The Family Health Information Center (consumer health library) is again open at the Meridian site. Pam visited Elmore Memorial Hospital in Mountain Home to let the medical staff and administration know what information resources are available to them through St. Luke's.

Pam announced that Marilyn Irvine is the new librarian at St. Joseph's in Lewiston.

We discussed the possibility of moving the Fall meeting to Boise. It was decided that this would be tabled and discussed again at the Fall meeting when more members from the north were present.

The RML was contacted regarding continuing education for the Fall meeting. They suggested that we might benefit from "new faces" and they would not be available. Marcia and Kathy agreed to present a continuing education program on MDConsult and Ariel. The Fall meeting schedule will be announced at a later date, but is tentatively set for Monday, Oct. 7 business meeting and Tuesday Oct 8 continuing education with the possibility of holding the business meeting at the new hospital in Ketchum.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Davis
Secretary

IHIA Fall Meeting Program – Sun Valley, Idaho

Monday, October 7

- 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. IHIA Business Meeting
- 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. No Host Dinner/Social
Location to be Determined

Tuesday, October 8

- 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. “*MD Consult Database Demonstration*”
Kathy Nelson, Medical Librarian
Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center
Idaho Falls, Idaho
- 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch on Your Own
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. “*Electronic Interlibrary Loan Delivery*”
Marcia Francis, Health Sciences Librarian
Idaho Health Sciences Library
Idaho State University
Pocatello, Idaho



The Idaho Hospital Association will be sending a supply of registration packets in early August. If you would like to receive a packet through IHIA instead of through your facility administration, please contact Pam Spickelmier via e-mail at spickelp@slrmc.org. IHA Convention registration will be \$25.00 again this year. There are no fees for the IHIA CE programs.

IHIA professional development funds are available to support IHIA member attendance at this meeting. If you desire such support, and have not received funds in the past year, please fill out the following form and mail it by September 15, 2002 to:

*Margaret Davis, IHIA Secretary/Treasurer
110 Goodwin Dr.
Blackfoot, Idaho 83221*

Idaho Health Information Association
Professional Development Fund Application

Name of Applicant _____

Job Title _____ Full Time _____ Part Time _____

Institution _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Funding Requested For (Program/Course/Meeting) _____

Location _____ Date(s) _____

Meeting Sponsor _____

Estimated Cost _____ Amount Requested _____

Please attach a brief personal statement explaining why this course/program/meeting will be of benefit to you or your organization in improving library services. Address specific needs for your particular institution/situation. Funds are available upon approval of the IHIA Board for IHIA members only. Any member receiving professional fund support within the past twelve months is not eligible for grant funds.

I have read and agreed to the conditions for receiving professional development funds as stipulated by the Idaho Health Information Association.

Signature _____ Date _____

Send completed application and personal statement to:

**Margaret Davis, IHIA Secretary/Treasurer
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