



Mid-South Information: Bulletin of the Mid-South Chapter

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Next Meeting Charitable Projects

**Thursday, May 26, 2005
11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.**

The final meeting for the 2004-2005 year of the Mid-South Chapter will be held on Thursday, May 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Calvary Chapel.

This is the Mid-South Chapter's annual charitable project meeting. This year the Chapter is sponsoring two different charities: the first is Casa Maria, in Raleigh (located near the Calvary Chapel). Casa Maria works to offer a welcoming environment especially to Hispanic women, children and families to help them gain the skills and awareness to make choices that improve their lives, relationships with God, family and community. We will be providing books to help with their first Summer Reading program. Casa Maria is a small, two-bedroom house in the Jackson/240 area of Raleigh. Kathleen Clarkson is the program director.

The second charitable project will assist Sister Marie Joseph Nguyen, a Vietnamese Sister, who is working with women inmates at Memphis Jail East. She is in need of children's books (from ages 1-17) as mailing materials. The women inmates record themselves and the tapes are mailed to their children so that they can hear their mothers reading to them.

Lunch will be a Dutch treat (\$8 per person). Kay will bring a sandwich tray and a

dessert tray from Bogie's. Please bring your own drinks.

The chapter will provide lunch for our guests, Kathleen Clarkson and Sister Marie Joseph Nguyen.

RSVP to Kay Cunningham (e-mail: lkcnnggh@memphis.edu; telephone: 901-678-4345) by Tuesday, May 24.

Calvary Chapel is located off Jackson at 4080 Mamie Road (see map).

--Kay Cunningham, University of Memphis, Vice-President/President Elect



--map from Yahoo Maps

Minutes of the Mid-South Chapter March 24, 2005

Members of the Mid-South Chapter of SLA gathered in Little Rock, AR on Thursday, March 24, 2005 at 11 a.m. at the Clinton Library. In attendance were Christina Barnes, Kay Cunningham, Rosie Dixon, Maureen Fitzer, Katherine Johns, Rosemary Nelms, Melinda Pennington, Octavia Perryman, Jan Smith and Pam Walker.

Rosie arranged to have a knowledgeable tour guide, Mr. David Williams, escort the SLA group through the exhibits, and his commentary greatly enhanced the experience.

After enjoying the Museum, the group strolled over to the River Market for lunch and a brief business meeting. Maureen led a discussion about which organization should receive our charitable bequest this year. Rosemary reported that the treasury stood at \$4,160.61. Since we customarily give 10% to our chosen charity, we would be able to donate around \$400.

Octavia thanked Rosie and Kay for organizing the informative and entertaining meeting, and the Memphis contingent headed for home about 2:30 p.m.

--Respectfully submitted,

**Rosemary Nelms, Commercial Appeal,
Secretary/Treasurer**



Minutes of the Mid-South Chapter April 21, 2005

The Mid-South Chapter of the Special Libraries Association participated in a joint meeting with the Memphis Area Library Council on Thursday, April 21 at 5:00 p.m. at Memphis University School. The speaker was John Branston, author of "Rowdy Memphis. The Librarian of the Year was Annette Berhe Hunt, the Director of the Hollis F. Price Library at LeMoyne-Owen College.

The event was described by Priscilla Stephenson in an e-mail sent to members on April 22:

"Congratulations again to Annette Hunt, our Memphis Librarian of the Year! We celebrated with a great party last night, and I want to be sure that thanks are spread all around for an excellent spread, the lovely facility and decor, terrific music, and helpful assistance from everyone at MUS. Ellen McDonell and her library staff were everywhere, making this a memorable event. Barbara Presley, Maxine Molasky, Bonnie Barnes, and

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Leah Allison each played an important part in making this event a reality. We were entertained by *Beg to Differ*, MUS' men's a *capella* group directed by John Hiltonsmith. They treated us to a variety of songs from our recent and distant past. (And yes, the more distant, the better I knew the words!)

Lou Paris again treated us to a terrific video presentation on our honoree, with comments from various members of Annette's staff and family - we'll always know to check for the sound of her footsteps in the future! Lou also took the great portrait shot of Annette which will grace the READ poster. Barbara Thomas is the University of Memphis staff member with the graphic skills who produced both the flyer advertising the MALC event as well as our program for the evening. Both were outstanding, and we are grateful.

We really enjoyed hearing our speaker, John Branston (Editorial Director, Special Projects for *The Memphis Flyer*), speak about his new book, *Rowdy Memphis: the South Unscripted* (Cold Tree Press, 282 pp., \$15.95). He shared several vignettes from the book, many of them first published in *Memphis Magazine* or in *The Memphis Flyer*. The book is something of a 'reporter's notebook,' giving us descriptions of particular moments in the history of Memphis. Branston suggested his would be an excellent book for any high school or public library where students are regularly looking for more personal accounts about Memphis history. I'm diving into my copy this weekend and urge you to grab a copy for yourselves.

Special thanks to

- Ellen McDonell and Suzanne Mangrum, members of the Program Committee;
- Rose Ann Hicks – MALC Awards Committee Chair;
- Kay Cunningham – VP / Program Chair for SLA;
- Sylverna Ford, MALC President;

- Robin Joyce – Caterer.

Those of us involved with planning hope you each enjoyed yourselves. Let us know if you have suggestions for next year!"

Priscilla L. Stephenson, Coordinator, Reference Services, UTHSC Health Sciences Library"

--Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Nelms, Commerical Appeal, Secretary/Treasurer.



Save the date for the South Atlantic Regional Conference

(April 19, 2005) Please make plans to attend the South Atlantic Regional Conference (SARC) to be held in Williamsburg Virginia, September 28-October 1, 2005. This is the third SARC conference hosted by the Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida & Caribbean Chapters of SLA.

Our conference theme, "Experience A Timeless Information Journey: Revolution and

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Evolution Continue," will allow us look at how our lives as information professionals have rapidly changed and at what we can expect if we are to stay on the cutting edge of the 21st century.

The conference includes a day of professional development workshops on Wednesday and two days of content sessions. The content sessions are organized in six topical tracks: Thursday – Content Connections, People Connections, & Technology Connections; and Friday – Past Connections, Present Connections and Future Connections.

The Woodlands Hotel & Suites, Colonial Williamsburg is the conference site. The hotel is offering a special SLA hotel rate of \$99/night for a double room.

With today's tight budgets, this regional conference offers a great return on your money. Attendance and positive feedback from the previous two SARC conferences encouraged the chapters to sponsor a third one. This conference offers a program with great content in a great location. Early fall is a beautiful time of year in Williamsburg. Please visit the SARC website to review the preliminary conference program.

Early registration: through 8/15/05

Member: \$165
Non-member \$215
Student/Retiree \$95

Registration: through 8/31/05

Member \$215
Non-member \$265
Student/Retiree \$155

Registration includes the opening reception on Wednesday evening, two deluxe continental breakfasts, breaks, and lunches on Thursday and Friday. It also includes a Colonial Williamsburg pass.

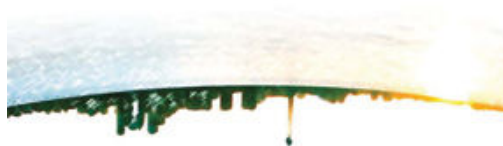
To get more information, the preliminary program and a registration form, please visit our

web site:

http://www.sla.org/conf/conf_sar/index.html

For information on Colonial Williamsburg, please visit their website at <http://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/visit/>

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2004-2005 Meeting Schedule***

September 30 Business Meeting	P and H Café Memphis, TN
November 18 Scopus Demo	Buckman Labs Memphis, TN
January 27 Membership Meeting	Grove Grill Memphis, TN
March 24 Tour	Clinton Presidential Library Little Rock, AR
April 21 SLA/MALC Joint Meeting	Memphis University School Memphis, TN
May 26 Charity Meeting	Calvary Chapel Memphis, TN
*All Dates and Places subject to change.	

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