



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

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**Upcoming Meeting in
Oxford, Mississippi
Thursday, January 26, 2005
11:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.**



It's time for our membership meeting and it will be held in Oxford, MS, on Thursday, January 26. If you can think of any librarians who might be interested in becoming SLA members, please invite them to this meeting. We'll pay for their lunch!

We'll talk about the benefits of SLA membership, the joint meeting, and our meetings in March and May.

Our meeting/lunch will be at the Downtown Grill (in the square) at 11:30 a.m. (Check out the restaurant at <http://www.downtowngrill.net/>.) A small dining room on the 1st floor has been reserved for us from 11:30 to 1:00. Greg Johnson (Blues Curator, Archives and Special Collections, J. D. Williams Library at Ole Miss) will give us a tour at 1:30.

Before the tour, time permitting, we can walk around the square and visit Square Books, Off-Square Books, Square Books Jr., or take a look on our own of the J.D. Williams Library. (It takes about 80 minutes to drive from Midtown Memphis to Oxford . . . go down I-55 and get off at Batesville, or Highway 78/Lamar Ave. to Holly Springs, then head south.)

Here's a description of the Blues Archive collection:

The Blues Archive at the University of Mississippi acquires and conserves blues and blues-related materials in a variety of formats for scholars of the blues, African American studies, and southern culture. With over 50,000 sound recordings, in most audio formats; over 15,000 photographs; more than 350 videotapes; over 3,000 books, periodicals and newsletters; and numerous manuscripts and ephemera, the Blues Archive houses one of the largest collections of blues recordings, publications, and memorabilia in the world. Important collections include B. B. King's personal record collection, the Jim O'Neal and Amy van Singel / *Living Blues* Collection, the Trumpet Records Collection, the John

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Richbourg Collection, and the Percy Mayfield collection.

Established in 1984, the Blues Archive serves not only students and faculty within the University of Mississippi, but researchers worldwide.

(http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/general_library/files/archives/blues/)

Please RSVP to Jan Smith
(smithjan@commercialappeal.com)
Tel: 901-529-2878) no later than Tuesday,
January 24, if you plan to attend.

--Jan Smith, Commercial Appeal News Library, Vice President/President Elect



The Downtown Grill Lunch Menu

Information about entrees and salads available for lunch at Oxford's Downtown Grill can be viewed on their web site (<http://www.downtowngrill.net/>).

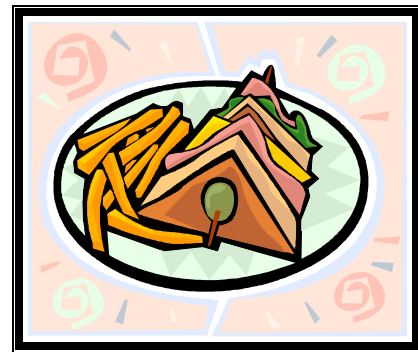
Several salad choices include: old fashioned chicken salad, shrimp salad, Cobb salad, a mixed green salad, Caesar salad, and spinach salad. Dressings are made fresh each day and are tarragon

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vinaigrette, bleu cheese, orange balsamic vinaigrette, honey mustard, and ranch.

Entrees are accompanied by the Downtown Grill's homemade cornbread and include: stuffed chicken breast, chopped tenderloin paulette, grilled salmon, stuffed pork tenderloin, a vegetable platter, picante Ranch chicken tenders, a chicken BLT, the Downtown burger, and a French dip sandwich.

--Kay Cunningham, University of Memphis, Bulletin Editor



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Minutes of the Mid-South Chapter Meeting November 17, 2005

The Mid-South Chapter of SLA met on Thursday, November 17 at 11:45 p.m. at the Arcade Restaurant on South Main in Memphis, TN.

Members in attendance were Kay Cunningham, Maureen Fitzer, Cheryl Lamb, Rosemary Nelms, Octavia Perryman, Jan Smith and Pam Walker.

Kay announced that the revised Practices and Procedures for the Chapter had been completed by Octavia and sent to SLA headquarters.

She also noted that **Information Outlook** is planning a series of articles that will profile an SLA member every month. To suggest someone to be featured, contact SLA's publications director, John T. Adams III (jadams@sla.org).

Most of the discussion at the meeting involved plans for the joint meeting with Memphis Area Library Council in April. SLA is responsible for the venue and the catering. MALC is in charge of the program.

Kay reported that MALC is still pushing for the joint meeting to be held during the TLA Conference (April 5-8, 2006), although TLA has not scheduled a time or place for our meeting. The meeting would have to be held at a time when other meetings are going on and this would mean that several of our members who have obligations at TLA scheduled meetings would not be able to attend the joint meeting.

The Hilton Memphis, at 939 Lake

Ridge Blvd., is the main site of the Conference, and Kay handed out copies of the Hilton's catering policies and a price list.

The Hilton requires a notification of the number attending any event catered by them three days before. That would require that we ask for RSVP's from attendees.

The minimum cost for the Hilton's catering is \$500, and to provide hors d'oeuvres similar to those in years past would cost even more. In addition, we would have to pay for a room, which we have typically been able to have at minimal, if any, cost.

Rosemary reported that we currently have \$3,411.08 in the bank.

We also have to consider our charity project which requires 10% of the Chapter budget. (Maureen suggested that we might want to think about the Memphis Literacy Council for our recipient this year.)

In addition, we will be paying for the Vice-President/President Elect to attend the SLA Annual Conference in 2006.

With those expenses in mind, the group agreed that it was not economically feasible, considering our membership numbers, to have the meeting at the Hilton. Also having the meeting during TLA would mean that some of our members couldn't attend.

It was suggested that we poll the membership on this issue and whether we should continue holding the joint meeting with MALC in the spring. Octavia agreed to set up a questionnaire on SurveyMonkey.

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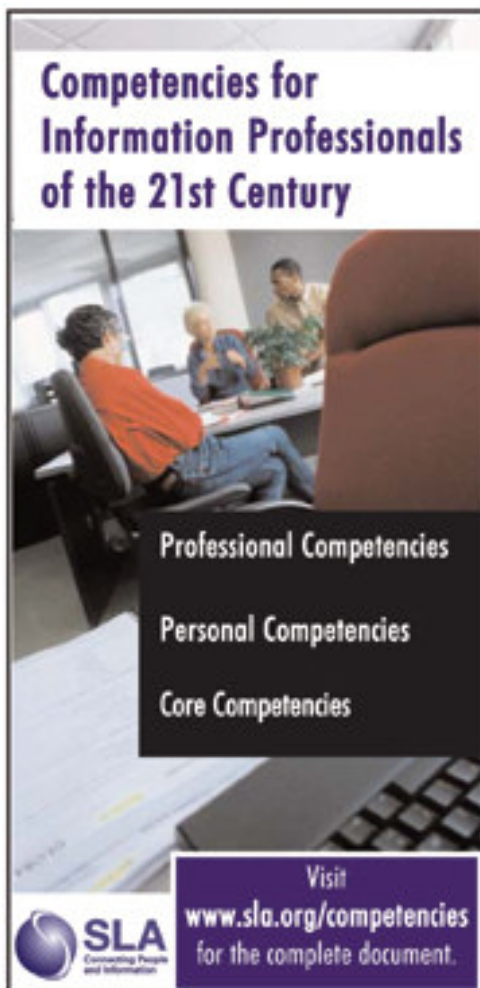
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It was decided that Jan would contact Priscilla Stephenson of MALC and let her know about the prices for catering at the Hilton vs. having the meeting on our original date choice, April 27, at a less expensive venue.

After the meeting, the group toured the Civil Rights Museum.

--Respectfully submitted,

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



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SLA Board of Directors Election

VOTE ONLINE

Polls Open 23 January.

<http://www.sla.org/evote2006>

Eligible members will receive an email linking to the secure VoteNet site.

Ensure SLA has your email address.

Check or update it at

<http://www.sla.org/update>

Polls Close 3 March.

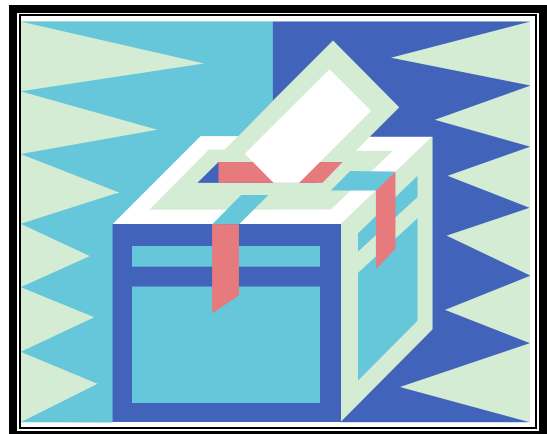
Results Announced 15 March.

See biographies at

<http://www.sla.org/BODcandidates> or
[http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/governance/
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index.cfm](http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/governance/bodsection/bodcandidates/0506candidates/index.cfm)

And watch for bios in the January
Information Outlook.

Voting members must be in good standing
as of 9 January.



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Next Meeting

Topic: Membership Meeting and Tour of the Archives & Special Collections, J.D. Williams Library, Oxford, MS

When: Thursday, January 26, 2006
lunch 11:30 a.m. – 1p.m.
tour 1:30 m. – 2:30 p.m.

Where: meet at the Downtown Grill on the Square in Oxford

RSVP by Tuesday, January 24 to:

Jan Smith

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Lunch: The Chapter will host

Mid-South Chapter 2005-2006 Meeting Schedule*

September 29 Business Meeting	Rhodes College Memphis, TN
November 17	The ARCADE and the National Civil Rights Museum Memphis, TN
January 26 Membership Meeting	Downtown Grill and the Archives & Special Collections, J.D. Williams Library Oxford, Mississippi
March 23	TBA
April	TBA
May Charitable Meeting	TBA
<i>*All Dates and Places subject to change.</i>	

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