

Southern Adirondack Library System Annual Meeting

May 21, 2012

At the Lodge on Echo Lake, Warrensburg New York

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The 54th Annual Meeting of the Southern Adirondack Library System was held on Monday, May 21, 2012 at the Lodge on Echo Lake, Warrensburg, New York and brought to order at 6:34 p.m. with President Arnie Elman presiding.

Dr. Elman welcomed all those present and was pleased to announce that ALL SALS Board members were present and asked them to stand and be recognized as they were introduced:

Cheryl Gold (Saratoga County and Saratoga Springs Public Library)

Julia Helms (Hamilton County)

Judy Hoover (Washington County and Easton Library)

Jordan Hornstein (Hamilton County)

Bob Jeffords (Washington County)

Paul Mays (Washington County)

Karen McComb (Hamilton County and Town of Lake Pleasant Public Library)

Jim Mosher (Saratoga County)

Dale Nemer (Warren County and Crandall Public Library)

Sandi Payne (Warren County and Stony Creek Free Library)

John Plantier (Warren County and Hadley-Luzerne Public Library)

And Dr. Elman represents Saratoga county and the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library.

Dr. Elman announced that the 2011 SALS Treasurer's Report and Central Library Report are available to take with you. They are on a table by the entrance doors. SALS 2011 Highlights, Facts and Figures, and a New York Library Trustees Online brochure are on the tables in front of you. This information will also be available on SALS website: www.sals.edu.

Dr. Elman welcomed member library trustees present and thanked them for coming. Dr. Elman then announced that Nicholas LaSarso, Fort Edward Free Library Treasurer, is resigning from the Board of Trustees effective June 13, 2012. Mr. LaSarso has served as a library board member for 33 years and will be greatly missed. His replacement will be Wendy Ross-Beldon. Congratulations to Mr. LaSarso.

Dr. Elman welcomed SALS staff present and asked them to stand and be recognized: Nancy Bowen, Secretary/Receptionist, Sara Dallas, Director, Jennifer Ferriss, Bibliographic Database Specialist/Youth Consultant, Jill Martz, Administration & Finance Manager, Diane Robinson, Computer Systems Manager, and Jill Ryder, General Services Librarian.

Dr. Elman welcomed guests: Kevin Murphy, Legislative Director for Assemblyman Tony Jordan of the 112th District, John Romano, Mayor, Village of Ballston Spa, Patti Southworth, Town of Ballston Supervisor, and Mark Westcott, Town of Queensbury Supervisor.

Dr. Elman introduced Cheryl Gold, Chair of the Library Services Committee to present the Library Program of the Year Awards:

- **Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library**—“*Senior Expo*”-- The Clifton Park-Half Moon Public Library’s Senior Expo is a demonstration of an innovative staff-initiated project that developed community partnerships, enhanced services to the community and collected information that will be used by the growing aging population in the library’s service area. The objective of the Senior Expo was to create an event to bring organizations that offer services to seniors together with the seniors and families that care for them. Forty Saratoga County based organizations and the Saratoga County Office for Aging were able to share information and services to the 250 people who attended. Twelve programs were presented during the day. LouAnn Stewart and Ann Cocca developed the concept realizing many non-profit senior oriented organizations could not afford to share information at a commercial event. This project supports the Library Board’s goal of developing contacts and outreach in the community.
- **Stony Creek Free Library**--- “*The Dirty Dozen Garden Club*”-- The Stony Creek Library combined science and beauty in 2011. Lisa Bartow, Library Director, the Stony Creek Youth Program and twenty children became the Dirty Dozen Garden Club. The children started seeds in Dixie Cups under grow lights. In the following weeks, they built wooden raised boxes and filled them with soil, compost and manure. Each participant was given a section of the raised box and was solely responsible for watering and tending their assigned space. As autumn approached, the vegetables were picked and taken home. The sunflowers were left to dry and become birdfeeders. People passing the library noticed the new flowers and vegetable garden. The Dirty Dozen Garden Club was featured on the Stony Creek Chamber of Commerce Calendar. The children learned about responsibility, plant nutrition and enjoyed fresh peas, lettuce, radishes, tomatoes, carrots, pumpkins and beautiful flowers.

Dr. Elman introduced Julia Helms, Chair of the Personnel Committee, to present the Library Trustee of the Year Awards:

- **Arlene Rhodes**---Galway Public Library --Arlene Rhodes is a respected advocate and tireless organizational force guiding the library’s birth, growth and stability since 1996. She has been a board member since the library’s inception, and has served as President of the Board. Arlene Rhodes, along with a core group of library supporters, formed a Community Library Committee tasked with the goal to investigate the feasibility of a public library in Galway, NY when bookmobile service ended in 1995. The Community Library Committee, under Arlene’s leadership, held meetings with the community, the town and the village boards. In November 1997, the Town of Galway, by voter referendum, approved the formation of a library. The International Order of Odd Fellows offered the library its building. She spearheaded the building renovations, acquisition of furniture, shelving, books and computers. The library that once was run by volunteers with limited hours, now circulates 36,000 items per year, is open 35 hours per week, and is a School District Public Library with a full-time Director and three part-time

clerks. Through her wise leadership and commitment to detail, she is a stabilizing force, and her dedication to the Library and the role it serves is commendable.

- **Sandi Payne**—Stony Creek Free Library--Sandi Payne has shown exemplary leadership and dedication to the Stony Creek Free Library. As President of the Board she assumed a wide range of duties and responsibilities related to the functioning of a small and dynamic library. While President, the library hired a new director and new board officers. Sandi has been indispensable in fund raising. The library received over \$6000 through the book and bake sales, an all-evening Halloween fund raiser at the Stony Creek Inn and the successful concession stand during the July and August Concerts. She was committed to the programmatic activities as well. Sandi helped with the Winter Series Concerts making sure the visiting performers were properly accommodated and helped with the set up and clean up. During a freak storm in May, resulting in a flash flood, Sandi was immediately on site and coordinated all of the cleanup activities. Sandi's commitment to the library has been unlimited and that makes her so deserving of the Trustee of the Year Award.

Mrs. Helms then presented a SALS Staff Award to Nancy Bowen, Secretary/Receptionist, for 20 years of service. Also receiving an award, but not present, was Michele Largeteau, JA Project Manager, for 20 years of service.

Dr. Elman introduced Kevin Murphy, Legislative Director for Assemblyman Tony Jordan, and asked him for a few words. Mr. Murphy presented Legislative Resolutions for Bob Jeffords and Julia Helms.

Dr. Elman announced that SALS had also prepared Resolutions of Appreciation for Mr. Jeffords and Mrs. Helms, and asked if there was a second to the motion. Mr. Mays seconded. Resolutions passed by unanimous acclamation.

Dr. Elman announced the election of trustees and introduced Karen McComb, Chair of the Trustee Nominating Committee. Mrs. McComb noted that there were vacancies in Hamilton, Saratoga, and Washington Counties. An April 12th "Notice of Annual Business Meeting" informed every member library trustee of the Trustee Nominating Committee's choice of candidates.

The Trustee Nominating Committee offers the names of the following candidates whose terms will expire May, 2017:

- For Hamilton County---Frank L. Mezzano for a five year term
- For Saratoga County---Cheryl Gold for a second five-year term
- For Washington County---Robert "Bob" Odess for a five-year term

Mrs. McComb asked if there were nominations from the floor. Hearing none, she instructed the secretary to cast one ballot each for the persons nominated by the Trustee Nominating

Committee who are hereby elected by acclamation by the trustees of the member libraries of the Southern Adirondack Library System.

Dr. Elman called for a dinner recess in the meeting at 6.55 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:20 p.m.

Dr. Elman introduced Paul Mays, who will announce the winners of the Door Prizes. Mr. Mays explained the Door Prize drawing process, and reminded the audience that the prizes become the property of the library. Winners were:

- Sony e-reader---Ballston Spa Public Library
- 8” Digital Frames---
 - Stony Creek Free Library
 - Galway Public Library
 - Argyle Free Library
- Audio Books---Bolton Free Library
- Kobo Vox Tablet e-reader---Greenwich Free Library

Mr. Mays was assisted by Jennifer Ferriss.

Dr. Elman introduced Mrs. Dallas. Mrs. Dallas recognized Jeremy Johannson, New York Library Association Interim Executive Director. She also extended thanks to SALS Staff, SALS Board for their support and Regina Doi of the Galway Public Library, Cynthia LaBarge of the Hadley-Luzerne Public Library, Tim McDonough, of the Waterford Public Library, and Jennifer Ferriss of SALS for the sharing of the Technology Petting Zoo. She thanked all of the member library staff and boards for doing outstanding work over the year. Mrs. Dallas also asked the trustees to look at the New York Library Trustees Online brochure, and said she will be contacting the trustees in the near future.

Dr. Elman introduced Libby Post who presented a program on Library Sustainability--“Building Your Library’s Base and the Key to Your Library’s Financial Stability and Sustenance.” Ms Posts’ website: commservices.net.

Dr. Elman thanked everyone for coming, and reminded them to return their nametags on the way out. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Bowen
Recording Secretary