50th Anniversary Memories and Challenges for the Year Ahead

As I drove back to Indianapolis from Columbus, Ohio on Friday, October 15, I had time to think about the importance of the ORALL 50th Anniversary celebration and the significance of all the work that went into staging such a memorable event. Several specific memories stood out in my mind.

I remembered having a pleasant conversation with Bethany Ochal at the ORALL exhibit table in Washington, as she talked about having worked with several of the law librarians whose pictures were posted on Jody Beal's display. I also remembered how much I enjoyed the kickoff reception, where I had a second chance to chat with Bethany, several other veteran ORALL members, as well as some very new members. Much of the conversation that evening was about the overall impression the reception conveyed. The setting, décor, desserts, and flowers reflected the tasteful thoughtfulness of Carol Bredemeyer and others who assisted her in the planning of that event. Several reception attendees wore their ORALL 50th tee shirts, which reminded me of the hard work that Paul Mitchell, Kathy Carrick and other members of the 50th anniversary planning committee put into creating a logo, choosing designs, and getting the shirts printed, sold, and distributed. Each guest at the reception also received a commemorative coaster, which was another outcome of this committee's work. I also
remember the pride I felt later that week, as I read Anita Shew's news release in the convention newspaper, announcing ORALL's anniversary and relating our interesting history.

Then I thought about the Anniversary celebration itself. From the welcoming smiles and the homemade buckeyes at the registration desk, to the impressive location and fabulous food of the opening reception, to the "over-the-top" performance by Throat Culture and the unexpected appearance of "Marilyn", the local arrangements committee did a spectacular job. Led by co-chairs Sandy Hyclak and Jane Underwood, members of this committee coordinated schedules, sent invitations, stuffed bags, set up displays, distributed "freebies" and generally went the proverbial "extra mile" to insure that every attending member enjoyed a rewarding and remarkable annual meeting experience.

Well…I guess by now you've figured out where I'm going with this. My major point is that the fine work and successful events sponsored by this organization do not happen in a vacuum. They come as the result of much planning and cooperative effort on the parts of numerous dedicated people. And the realization hits that our 50-year history bespeaks generations of such dedicated ORALL members. So we, as current members, have not only a proud heritage but also a clearly marked trail to follow in continuing to nurture and develop the organization.

My primary goals during this presidential term are to increase the involvement of our current members in ORALL’s activities and to add to our membership rolls by asking each member to represent the organization positively to co-workers, fellow members of other library organizations, and members of law library governing bodies. I have already recruited some new members among the law firm library community in Indianapolis. I hope members in other cities will do the same. I also have been working with current committee chairs to solicit greater committee participation. The old adage "many hands make light work" is nowhere more true than in professional organizations. I'm sure that most of you have been members of at least one organization where a core group of dedicated members has experienced "burn-out" due to their doing the bulk of the work. I hope we can all work toward preventing this scenario in ORALL.

There is plenty of work to go around, but there are also plenty of folks to do it. So let's get in there and do what needs to be done. Anyone who knows me well knows that I'm a team player. I don't believe in making autonomous decisions just because I can. I believe that all of us together are stronger and more productive than any of us can be individually. If you have ideas that you would like to see us implement, please forward them to me or to another executive board member. If there are current policies or procedures with which you disagree, please let us know about those as well. We cannot be an effective organization if we are not adequately addressing the concerns of our members.

Thank you for your confidence in me. I'm looking forward to this year as president. I hope that we can all work together to make ORALL as productive and effective as it has been for the past 50 years. Please join me in working toward that end.
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50 YEARS AND
LIGHTSPEED AHEAD!!!

SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM ORALL’S 50TH ANNIVERSARY
MEETING HELD IN COLUMBUS, OHIO
OCTOBER 13-15, 1999

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Nancy Miller Honored at Annual Meeting

Remarks Delivered by Keith Blough During the Award Presentation

In 1962, when the Ohio Association of Law Libraries was still a young organization, Louise Prinz, the Director of The Dayton Law Library Association revealed her sentiment in a letter to Nancy Miller by saying, "I feel that a revival of interest [in OALL] is due in great part to your efforts. I think the organization could have folded completely about a year ago. Now it is on a firm foundation again."

Nancy Miller is the foundation of ORALL. She is the base upon which the Association rests. How easy it is to extol the virtues of members and officers who have exciting Association advancements to their credit, or through a quirk of history served the organization at an obviously dynamic time. It is perhaps more difficult to identify and magnify the less visible efforts; just as the foundation of a house is not as pretentious as the frame, yet ever so important.

Apparently for ORALL, Nancy Miller was its strong link during weak times. For whatever reason, the growth and advancement of the Association had suffered a pause and a short break in the intensity of its membership had been experienced. Nancy provided the mortar to keep us together. For this the Association is deeply indebted to her.

But as a fresh member in 1959, Nancy was just beginning her long and distinguished service to the chapter, as well as to the profession. A preeminent cataloger at The Ohio State University School of Law Library and also at Capital Law School Library, the exciting years of law book cataloging and the emergence of the Class K schedules resulted in ORALL programs being peppered by numerous presentations by Miss Miller throughout the 60s and 70s. In 1968, Nancy Miller served as a member of the AALL liaison committee with the Library of Congress and in October of that year, when the schedule of Class KF was sent to the printer, the fingerprints of both Ervin Pollack and Nancy Miller were evident. No discussion on the cataloging and classification of law books was complete until the question was raised, "What does Nancy Miller think of that?".

In 1964, Nancy Miller was called upon to complete the term of Dennis Runyan as ORALL President. Following that, Nancy’s penchant for detail ideally matched her with the complex task of revising the ORALL’s constitution and Bylaws both in 1971 and in 1979. She served numerous times as Chair of the Constitution Committee, the Guidelines Committee, and ultimately the Constitution and Guidelines Committee. In 1975 Nancy was appointed to the position of Permanent Auditor by President Oscar Trelles. As Auditor she was asked to respond to questions posed by AALL about ORALL’s finances and the
Perhaps her most lasting contribution to the chapter has been her creation of ORALL’s Archives. In 1969, a forward thinking Nancy formally established a permanent home at The Ohio State University School of Law Library for the retention of documents that would preserve the history of the Association. In 1972 Nancy reviewed the entire body of the recorded minutes of ORALL’s business meetings along with committee reports. She extracted the pertinent parts regarding activities and decisions that related to the functions of each committee and prepared and sent notes to each chair for inclusion in the committee notebooks. She was preserving a "corporate history" before we knew what to call it.

Tomorrow we can plan the future, but tonight we are celebrating the past and as an active member for forty of its fifty years, ORALL extends to Nancy Miller its Fiftieth Anniversary Award, along with everlasting gratitude for her perseverance and indomitable spirit that has kept us going and has seen to it that we never forget where we’ve been. Thank you Nancy.
Jan Novak Honored at Association Luncheon

Remarks Delivered by Keith Blough During the Award Presentation

The Outstanding Service Award has been reinstated by the Executive Board and this year's worthy recipient is Jan Ryan Novak. Jan is Director of the Cleveland Law Library Association and has continued that organization's tradition of legislative involvement that was begun by her predecessor, Art Fiske.

Jan has served as both Vice President and President of ORALL, yet her greatest distinction is in an area beyond the security of our Association. She is a former Chair of the Ohio State Bar Association Law Libraries and Legal Information Services Committee and has played an integral role in the numerous political battles waged on behalf of the structure and support of the county law library system in Ohio. The primary author of the 27-page report and recommendations submitted to the Ohio State Bar Association's Council of Delegates in 1992, entitled "County Law Library Association Funding, Proposed Legislative Changes," Jan also made the formal presentations before the Bar's Screening Committee and Council of Delegates. The proposal received unanimous approval and the provisions were drafted as House Bill 702 and introduced into the 122nd General Assembly. Just recently, the provisions were reintroduced into the 123rd General Assembly as House Bill 440.

In addition, Jan has been a major player in the drafting of the county law library funding provisions of the Ohio Supreme Court's Criminal Sentencing Commission's Recommendations. In March of 1998, Jan was also asked to provide a prediction of the needs and activities of county law libraries in the year 2025 for the state's blue-ribbon Courts Futures Committee.

Ever vigilant of legislative activities requiring the attention of ORALL's County Law Libraries SIG, Jan's efforts and acumen continue to advance the Association's purpose of improvement of the profession and cooperation among law libraries.

Just because you are receiving this award today, Jan, does not mean you are relieved of any legislative duties. Statewide, county law libraries expect you to remain our eyes and ears when it comes to rumored or proposed legislation. This award is just ORALL's way of saying thanks for what you've done and also, keep up the good work. You are truly a Pride of ORALL.
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**Some Photos Courtesy of Shaun Esposito**

Happy Birthday, Mr. President!
Outgoing President Keith Blough received birthday wishes from Marilyn (Carolyn Vineyard) Monroe.

So Dewey walks into this 7-11....
Bob Berring regaled the Association Luncheon crowd with a variety of tales of law librarianship.

KeyCiteMan to the rescue, with a blender!?!? It must have been Friday.

“Where’s My Gavel?”
Richard Humphrey takes over as the next President of ORALL.
Submitted by Teddy Artz, Acquisitions Librarian, Zimmerman Law Library, University of Dayton School of Law

The Next Fifty Years: The View From Here

Presentor: Robert C. Berring, Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law, University of California, Berkeley.

As the countdown to the end of the nineteen hundreds is down to days, and as ORALL completes its celebration of fifty years of existence, it is appropriate to invite one of our profession's leaders to look to the future. Robert C. Berring, Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law at the University of California, was our October 14 luncheon speaker at the ORALL meeting in Columbus.

Mr. Berring sees the increased capacity to produce and process information as a challenge to the profession. We need to ask, and help our patrons to ask, about cognitive authority. Who produced the information and how reliable is it?

We also need to examine what we are about as a profession. We have new choices on how we perform as librarians. Some of our traditional tasks can now be done by patrons without our intervention. There are new needs which require our assistance if we are willing to serve in new ways.

Mr. Berring maintains that the profession is in a perilous position because we are not turning out enough people to replace us. The majority of people in the audience were at least in their middle years. We also are not turning out people to compete for the really great jobs. Also, he asked if there is room in librarianship for all people in varied situations? Things are changing and we need to carefully consider the direction the profession takes.

What's Past is Prologue: AALL and ORALL Racing to the 21st Century as Advocacy Partners

Presentor: Mary Alice Baish AALL's Associate Washington Affairs Representative

Mary Alice Baish, of the AALL Washington Affairs office, discussed the role of AALL in helping to shape national information policies. Since the Washington Affairs office opened in 1995, our Washington representatives have been very active in working with Congress on key issues. They have created coalitions with other library associations to increase effectiveness.

Technology is the driving force for change. Important issues are little understood. Technology issues frequently do not appear in newspapers so the public is frequently not aware of information they could use. Most members of Congress understand little about technology.
Key legislative issues:

Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA):
1) Distance education and fair use rulemaking proceeding.
2) Database protection.
3) Closing of NTIS.

Uniform Computer Information Transaction Act (UCITA):
1) AALL opposes because it replaces public law copyright with private law of contract. 2) There are also privacy concerns.

Other priority issues:
2) New barriers to public access in the name of national or "cyber" security.
3) FTC request for comments on Guides for the Law Book Industry (which also will deal with electronic publishing).
4) Increased state funding for county law librarians.
5) State public record laws.

A panel of ORALL members added an Ohio perspective:

- Billie Grey (Cincinnati Law Library Association)
- Jan Ryan Novak (Cleveland Law Library Association)
- Alvin M. Podboy, Jr. (Baker & Hostetler).

1) Learn what is going on.
2) If you really want something, get it in a budget bill. Cultivate special interests.
3) Get multiple sponsors for a bill.

constituents and ignored.
4) Know history of bill and how it will affect everyone.
5) Be energetic and timely in lobbying on a bill.
6) Accept small victories.
7) Don't worry if you can only talk with staff members. They are very influential.
8) Know the legislator's position on various issues.
9) Explain why a bill matters to the legislator's district.
10) Focus efforts on legislators who will not be leaving soon because of term limits.

Technology Training for a New Millennium Teach-In 2000 - Seeking Contributors -

Year 2000 marks the eighth annual National Legal Research Teach-In, sponsored by RIPS SIS. The Teach-In gives law librarians around the country the opportunity to share materials and ideas for legal research instruction. Each year the Teach-In committee creates a set of materials that can be used to design and advertise programs and events for our institutions. These materials are distributed several weeks prior to National Library Week (April 9-15, 2000) to anyone interested in legal research instruction. To contribute materials, please contact any member of the committee:

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July 18, 1999
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The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by President Keith Blough. In attendance were Keith Blough (President), Richard Humphrey (Vice President/President-Elect), Shaun Esposito (Newsletter Editor/Webmaster), Kathy Carrick (Immediate Past President), Tom Hanley (Treasurer), Deborah Bobinets, Nancy S. Clark (Secretary). Also present were Joanne Beal and Carol Bredemeyer.

Secretary's Report:
Nancy handed out the minutes from the February 27, 1999 Board Meeting at Hueston Woods. The members read them. Deborah moved the minutes be approved. Keith seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:
Tom is using a new spreadsheet application. As of June 30, 1999, ORALL has $58,169.30 in the checking account. Both the six-month and 12-month CD's will come due in November, 1999. If needed, we can tap into those funds. Kathy asked if the ORALL 50th expenses, so far, were on this spreadsheet. No they were not, stated Tom. Richard may use some money towards speaker fees at the 50th Meeting. Keith said he needs to get a check cut for Adam's Mark Hotel deposit of $5,000. Richard moved the treasurer's report be approved. Keith seconded the motion. The report was approved.

Bylaws Amendment:
Keith explained the summary of purpose of the by-law amendment (BYLAW XIII) proposal concerning Special Interest Groups. Notification must be sent to membership 60 days prior to voting. The vote will be taken at the Business Meeting on Friday, Oct. 15, 1999, at the ORALL Annual Meeting on Columbus. Richard stated we need a quorum at the meeting for a vote. Options were discussed about how to get a copy to the members. If a separate mailing is needed, the cost would be $110.55 (335 members x $.33/postage per envelope). It was decided the local arrangements could include a colored sheet containing this amendment in the registration packet to go to all members the first week in August, 1999.

Richard asked the Amendment be put on the ORALL ListServ. Shaun will put it on the web page, too. Tom suggested it be sent to SIG Chairs for any discussion before the vote. SIG Chairs = George Baker, County; Beth Langton, PLL. No one currently for Academic.

50th Program and Education Committee:
Richard stated there would be non-concurrent sessions, 90 minute presentations with 15 minutes breaks. He is getting Bios on the speakers: Mary Alice Baish, AALL's Associate Washington Affairs Representative; Anne Abate on E-Commerce; Kenny Crews on Copyright; Susan Freeman on Team Building; Paul Mitchell on Knowledge Management; Bob Berring - Keynote Speaker at Luncheon. Speaker A/V needs must be given to Jane Underwood in Columbus.

ORALL 50th - Washington DC Reception:
Champaign punch and 4 kinds of desserts, coffee. = $1,540. So far, 120 acceptances of members and Special Guests. Keith will make brief remarks. Richard brought video and still cameras to take pictures during the reception. Tom asked about a Columbus member taking the ORALL display board back. Maybe Judy Rodgers since she drove to DC. Tom Hanley and Carol Bredemeyer have the acceptance.
list to check-off names as people arrive. Carol will accept $15 per ticket for extras attendees before Tuesday, July 20.

Kyle Passmore had blue ORALL banner. It will be at the reception.

**Correspondence & Publicity:**
Anita Shew has a draft for ORALL celebrates their 50th press releases. She needed a list of places in Indiana to send to. Richard suggested Kentucky and Indiana VIP's needed personal contact.

Richard reminded us the *AALL Spectrum* deadline for September 1999 issue is July 29! October issue probably won't arrive to all members before the 50th meeting. Nancy suggested a pull-out section in the ORALL Newsletter, similar to the green-colored one called "Getting around Washington D.C." in the middle of the recent AALL Spectrum.

Jody is still gathering price quotes on printing of the 50th Commemorative booklet. It will have a white glossy cover, parchment paper, and gold bond printing to cost approximately $1300 for 400 booklets. Discussion followed about whether or not to accept vendor support for printing. Richard suggested a little less pretty and no vendor support since this is publication about our members, for our members. Jody passed around a photocopy sample, minus pictures. She is looking for more pictures. Richard remembered Jim Baily used to take ORALL pictures. There will be a Memorial Page in the booklet and a Moment of Silence at the Awards banquet. Life Memberships will be recognized. The booklets will go on the table at the Thursday night Banquet.

**Scholarships:**
There are four - $300 scholarships available. Cindy Spohr is flexible on deadline for applications. The application information will be sent out in the registration packet.

Kathy asked if we should be a archivist and prepare a time capsule. If we do, Al Podboy suggested we include a "Prediction" for Law Libraries."

**Invitations:**
VIP names were suggested to invite to the Wednesday night Opening Reception in Columbus. Richard suggested letters to the Governors, Attorneys General, and Supreme Court Justices from the 3 states that make up ORALL. We could ask them to send a Congratulatory Letter on ORALL's 50th. The letters could be read at the banquet.

**Other:**
Keith read a letter from Dan Freehling, Boston University, Pappas Law Library, about AALL Educational Programs on Professional Development. AALL would do the leg work and ORALL would help sponsor it for the benefit for its members.

Keith made the motion to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. Tom seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy S. Clark, Secretary
October 13, 1999
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January 5-9 Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C

March 31 - April 1 ORALL Retreat at Deer Creek Resort

April 9-15 National Library Week

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October 25-27 ORALL Annual Meeting, Lexington, KY.

Newsletter Deadlines
February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15

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An annual conference is held in the Fall of each year. ORALL publishes or sponsors the following publications: Core Legal Collection [bibliographies for Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan], ORALL Membership Directory, ORALL Newsletter, ORALL Union List of Serials, Ohio Legal Resources Annotated Bibliography & Guide 3rd.

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