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## *President's Column – Steven Probst*

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### **President's Column**

#### ***What Would You Like to See?***

A fellow ORALLien recently confided to me (don't worry, I won't blow your cover here), that they had not fully appreciated what a terrific organization ORALL was until they really began to get involved behind the scenes. I could not agree more. One of the pleasures of serving as ORALL's president is the opportunity to have routine contact with many of the people who make the organization run so smoothly and to observe their dedication and willingness to help. It was gratifying this past fall to see so many volunteer forms come in, with many of you not even specifying a specific committee you wanted to serve on, but rather just asking to be placed where you were needed and could contribute.

That type of dedication is what makes ORALL run – and it is truly appreciated. However, other means to contribute to what goes on in ORALL exist outside committee membership – and that is simple communication with those who are on committees or holding office.

Currently, several possibilities exist for you to directly contribute to an ORALL that you would like to see.

As I'm sure you already know, each year, the Education Committee works diligently to think of, plan, and execute a series of programs ORALL's membership might be interested in attending (in fact, I'm pretty sure they are doing this right now).

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**Profile**

ORALL is a 4-state chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries [Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan]. It was formed in 1949 "to further the development and usefulness of law libraries and to stimulate a spirit of mutual helpfulness among law libraries of this region." An annual conference is held each fall. ORALL publishes or sponsors the following publications: *Core Legal Collection* [bibliographies for Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan], ORALL Membership Directory, ORALL Newsletter, Ohio Legal Resources Annotated Bibliography & Guide 3rd.

## **President's Column *continued***

However, what you may not know is that you can directly contribute to this process without serving on the committee, but rather by proposing a program idea to the Education Committee Chair. You can do so either by simply coming up with a great idea for a program you'd like to see and forwarding that to the committee, or better yet, by proposing to put on the program yourself. Doing so is great for your professional growth, your annual activity report, or simply for your resume. While I'm not sure what the status is of this year's programming, it is never too early to begin thinking about next year. Having recently chaired this committee myself, I know that an inbox full of ideas upon beginning the somewhat daunting task of planning the year's educational programming would be a welcome sight.

Currently, I would also appreciate any suggestions anyone has regarding local arrangements for a meeting of our members attending AALL in Philadelphia this July. The AALL Arrangements Committee is beginning its work in planning a get-together somewhere downtown near the conference center. If anyone has any strong feelings for what they would or would not like to see in such a meeting, please let me know. Personally, I enjoyed the meeting arranged by Mike Whiteman in Portland and, absent any guidance from any of you, plan to copy his idea for our meeting to the best of my ability. Stay tuned for further details.

Speaking of local arrangements, the 2012 meeting is right around the corner. For those of you who have not heard, it is going to be right here, in Valparaiso, Indiana. We are excited that we will finally be able to return all of the hospitality you have shown us over the years in past meetings. However, we are aware that this will be a long trip for everyone, and want to make sure that we plan a meeting you would want to come all that way for. Several people have mentioned that they would be interested in coming given our proximity to Chicago (an hour's train ride away). We are planning to take advantage of this proximity by working with the Chicago Area Law Libraries (CALL) to offer library tours or other events in the city. But since this meeting is currently only in the deep thought stage, it's a perfect opportunity for you to send us your ideas for a meeting you'd be willing to sit in a car most of the day to get to. What would you like to see? We would love to know.

Finally, though this is perhaps not the most glamorous area to end with, I would welcome the input of anyone who has any thoughts or concerns about ORALL's bylaws. I am assuming that you have not memorized them and do not have extended debates about them with your friends from ORALL. I must admit that prior to holding office in ORALL, I too had never read or considered our bylaws.

However, now that I have read them a few times, some of their provisions cause me to question whether a little update might not be in order. For instance, does anyone remember serving on the Activities or Bibliographies Committees listed under the Standing Committees section? Whatever happened to those committees, and do we still need them? Are there other provisions that could use some revision as well? To hopefully address these questions, Mike Whiteman is chairing the Bylaws Committee this year to give them all the once-over. Have you noticed anything in the Bylaws that you think needs attention? Please send me your concerns – I would be glad to hear them.

That is all for now from the Vale of Paradise (the Spanish translation for Valparaiso just to whet your appetites for our 2012 meeting). I hope to hear your thoughts and to see many of you this July in Philadelphia.

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***ORALL Makes Lasting Tribute to National First Ladies' Library***  
**By Linda Stebbins, Librarian - Black, McCuskey, Souers & Arbaugh, Canton, OH and Beth Langton, Director of Library Services - Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLP, Akron, OH**

Although the 2010 annual meeting held in Canton, Ohio may be but a memory for those who attended, ORALL has made an impression that will last forever.

Several members who toured the National First Ladies' Library, Education Center and Saxton House during the conference were so impressed that they inquired of ORALL whether we might as an organization leave a permanent reminder of our meeting in Canton. The answer: Yes!

Following the October meeting, Treasurer Rick Goheen received donations from seven ORALL members: Angela Baldree, Carol Bredemeyer, Rick Goheen, Carol Hudspeth, Mary Jenkins, Steven Probst, and Cindy Seaton. To help bring their benevolence to fruition, the Local Arrangements Committee-Canton recommended and the Executive Board approved using surplus from the Canton meeting to help secure a donor plaque.

The outcome: A naming contribution was made to purchase a commemorative donor plaque for a seat in the National First Ladies' Library Education and Research Center Theatre. The Education and Research Center Theatre is used for programs to further educate about the history of our country, the contributions of First Ladies and the significance and contributions of women throughout history.

The plaque finally arrived and was mounted to a theatre seat in March 2011, and we have the pictures to prove it! See below for a picture of ORALL's plaque (engraving reads *Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries*), a picture of the two of us along with Ann Capozzi and Jan Morley standing by ORALL's theatre

seat, and a third picture taken with the Library's Executive Director Pat Krider. It may be hard to tell by looking at these pictures, but the plaque is very nice.

During her luncheon speech, honored guest speaker Mary Regula, Founder and President of the National First Ladies' Library, shared with us many stories of the founding of the library and support she received from many Washington dignitaries such as Hillary Clinton. Mrs. Regula also told of the continued support needed to further the library's vision of serving as a national archive devoted to educating people in the United States and around the world about the contributions of the nation's First Ladies and other notable women in history.

The National First Ladies' Library is so pleased and sincerely appreciates ORALL's donation. Kudos to ORALL and its members for their contributions and desire to further support Mrs. Regula's vision.

NOTE: You may be interested in knowing that Mrs. Regula commented following her speech that she does not do many speaking engagements any longer and mostly goes from notes she writes for her speeches. She said she wanted to do this [speech] for ORALL because we are **librarians!** Well, Mrs. Regula, we were glad to oblige!





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***Delaware County, Ohio Hosts Interfaith Legal Services Clinic:  
Or, Why the Librarian is Smiling.***

**By Judith R. Maxwell, J.D., Esq., Chief Administrator and Librarian, Delaware County Law Library (with the assistance of April Nelson, volunteer *extraordinaire* and Don Chenoweth, Executive Director of Andrews House)**

Do you ponder what to do with patrons who have no working knowledge of how to use a Table of Contents or an Index, let alone a computer database? Are you tired of people asking you for “the form”? Do you cringe when someone prefaces their question with, “they told me at the Court House that you would help me”? In Delaware County, Ohio, we are partially addressing these issues with a free legal advice clinic.

As the budget for the Legal Aid Society was cut, the population of Delaware County was growing and the number of *pro se* parties increased at the Courthouse; as a result, the need for additional legal resources for these litigants was evident. In 2003 the Delaware County Bar Association, the Delaware Ministerial Association and the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation launched a free legal advice clinic, the Interfaith Legal Services Clinic (IFLS) in cooperation with the Andrews House, a local community services center.

On the third Tuesday of each month a cadre of volunteers arrives before 5:00 p.m. at the Andrews House to set up tables, put out homemade baked goods, and organize the paperwork. Clients are invited to arrive between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to answer brief intake questions. The target population is Delaware County citizens at or below 250% of poverty income. However, people from the surrounding counties of Franklin, Marion and Union have received advice and the “working poor” are not turned away. When the volunteer attorneys arrive the intake sheets are matched to the attorney’s area of expertise and the client meets privately with an attorney. Usually the attorney-client conference lasts about 30 minutes, but if a matter is complex it may run longer. If a client’s matter cannot be resolved with a consultation, they may be referred to the local Legal Aid office, an attorney may agree to further handle a matter *pro bono*, or a referral to another attorney (e.g. bankruptcy, social security disability) or resource (e.g. Public Defender office) may be made.

In 2008 the IFLS Clinic served 92 clients and in 2009 served 168 clients; an increase of 83%. We believe this dramatic increase was the result of the “Great Recession”. In 2010 the IFLS Clinic served 206 clients in eleven sessions; an increase of 23% from 2009. (Note: The February 2010 IFLS Clinic was cancelled due to a snow storm and probably 20 additional clients were missed as a result). During the three nights of operation in 2011, IFLS Clinic volunteers have served 55 clients.

In 2009 the IFLS Clinic received the Outstanding Program award from the Ohio State Bar Foundation. The OSB Foundation gives this annual award to “a non-profit organization, agency, government entity, association or program of any of the foregoing, that is consistent with the mission of the Foundation and promotes the dissemination of public information, improvement of public understanding and enhancement of public education concerning our system of justice and how it impacts the citizens of Ohio”.

For additional information see the Andrews House website [www.AndrewsHouse.org](http://www.AndrewsHouse.org), or call me at 740-833-2545.

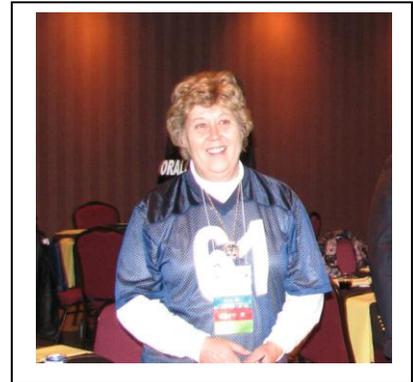
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## ***Columbiana County Law Library Passes Torch as Jan Morley Retires***

**by Ardis Stein, Jefferson County Law Library**

After a long and remarkable career as a county law library director, fellow ORALL member Jan Morley retired from the Columbiana County Law Library on March 18th. Her assistant of four years, Ron Vest, will be her successor at the law library in Lisbon, Ohio.

Jan first began her service as a law librarian in Steubenville where she managed the Jefferson County Law Library starting in 1988. Although the library was small with minimal funding, Jan's diligent business practices enabled it to have a well-rounded print collection and modern technology.



In 1999, Jan saw the chance to help another county law library in real need of assistance. The Columbiana County Law Library was without a librarian for a short while. Supplements and financial matters were becoming backlogged. Feeling up to the challenge and ready for a change, Jan accepted the law library director position. In no time, she had the library back on track and operating in good fiscal order.

When Jan first moved to the Columbiana County Law Library it was located in the cramped quarters of the courthouse basement. In 2003 the bank building across the street became available, so the law library association opted to move the library to these more spacious accommodations.

Moving a library is a huge undertaking, but Jan was very enthusiastic about the idea of having what she called a “real” library - complete with meeting rooms, computer areas, plenty of storage and genuine oak shelves and tables. With the help and guidance of board member, Judge Thomas Baronzi, Jan worked

industriously to make their vision of a new law library a reality. It is now a great asset for the legal community of their county and the surrounding areas. It is also a reflection of Jan's sensible character - both tastefully decorated and practically designed to offer the most effective environment for legal research.

In addition to her abundant skills in operating a law library, Jan has always been involved in organizations where she felt she could make a difference. Over the years, she was an active and outspoken advocate of county law library affairs, contributing wholeheartedly to whatever issues they have faced. Her great compassion for the county law libraries shows in her work with ORALL and the County Law Library SIG.

Jan's remedy for overcoming law library issues was through learning and communication. Therefore, as SIG Chair in 2001, it was very important for her to hold a spring retreat where all the county law libraries would have the time to exchange their views and learn new ideas. It was a two-day event with plenty of classes, good food and even entertainment.

Inspired by the favorable outcome of her SIG meeting, Jan hoped to provide a similar affair for ORALL before she retired. Last year's conference in Canton gave her this opportunity. Between Jan's talent for obtaining financial support and Co-Chair Beth Langton's eye for detail, the conference was bound for success.

The County Law Library SIG will miss Jan's active involvement and creative ideas, but we wish her well on her next endeavor. In retirement, Jan is planning to have more time to spend with her husband, Bob, and other family members. She and Bob are planning a trip to their favorite vacation spot – Ocracoke Island, where Jan is an avid seashell collector. They also will be enjoying their time fishing and boating at their summer home on Guilford Lake.



Co-Chairs Jan Morley & Beth Langton with Lynn Swann  
at the 2010 ORALL Conference in Canton

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### ***ORALL 2011 – Cincinnati, Ohio***

Mark your calendars for October 19-21, 2011 and plan to attend ORALL's annual meeting in Cincinnati! The Local Arrangements Committee, chaired by Mike Whiteman, is planning some great events and the Education Committee, chaired by Vice-President Steve Miller, will no doubt dazzle us with wonderful programming. The theme for the meeting is "Navigating the Rapids of Change".

The conference hotel will be the Hyatt Regency - [http://cincinnati.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp?src=agn\\_smg\\_hhc\\_ppc\\_google\\_ss\\_propertyspecific\\_cinci\\_hy](http://cincinnati.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp?src=agn_smg_hhc_ppc_google_ss_propertyspecific_cinci_hy) – which is close to shopping and dining opportunities. Our Opening Reception will be at the Underground Railroad Freedom Center - <http://www.freedomcenter.org/> . There will be our traditional Game Night, so start honing your euchre skills or plan to play other fun games. We are also finalizing a great array of cuisines for a Dine Around. As the meeting gets closer, watch your inbox for information on meeting details as well as fun things you can do while you're here. We look forward to seeing you in October.

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### ***ORALL Grants Available for the 2011 AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia***

The ORALL Grants Committee would like to announce that there are two (2) \$400 grants available to attend the 2011 AALL annual meeting in Philadelphia. The grants are open to **all** members of ORALL. If there are any questions, please feel free to e-mail Emily Janoski-Haehlen at [janoskie@nku.edu](mailto:janoskie@nku.edu).

The ORALL Executive Board requires that scholarship recipients prepare a short article for the ORALL Newsletter. Details will be provided along with notification of the scholarship award. The ORALL Board encourages application for the scholarships no matter the type or size of your organization. Complete the following form and return to:

Emily Janoski-Haehlen, Chair  
ORALL Grants Committee  
Salmon P. Chase College of Law Library  
Northern Kentucky University  
Nunn Drive, 200A Nunn Hall  
Highland Heights, KY 41099

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**ORALL AALL ANNUAL MEETING GRANT APPLICATION**  
**Philadelphia, July 23-26, 2011**  
***Application Deadline (completed application and any attachments***  
***must be received by: April 22, 2011)***

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5. E-mail address:

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6. Employment in Law Librarianship (include dates and places; if a student, please indicate school):

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10. Member of ORALL since: \_\_\_\_\_ Member of AALL since: \_\_\_\_\_

11. What percentage of your expenses will your employer pay for you to attend this meeting?

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12. Have you previously attended AALL or ORALL meetings? If so, when?

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13. Please describe your responsibilities in your current position:

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14. Please attach a statement of how you will benefit from attending this meeting.

15. Please include one letter of recommendation from a person familiar with your work, potential and need of this grant.

Feel free to expand on any answer on a separate, attached sheet.

Complete this form and return (1) by email to: [janoskie@nku.edu](mailto:janoskie@nku.edu), (2) by FAX to: 859.572.6529, or (3) by US Mail to:

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## **ORALL Announcements**

The Government Relations Committee invites concerns and comments from ORALL members about any legislative or administrative developments that might impact law libraries and access to legal information. We are monitoring the policy agenda of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio and any potential negative impact of state-level budget decisions on law libraries in Ohio. Please alert us to any developments that concern you. Contact either Mary Jenkins (mjenkins@cms.hamilton-co.org) or Al Podboy (APodboy@bakerlaw.com).

## **AALL Announcements**

### ***Learn to Collaborate and Find Common Ground with Your IT Department***

Law firm library and information technology professionals share similar goals and struggle with many of the same issues. As we are all asked to do more with less, the skills that both of these groups bring to the table can be leveraged to increase value and produce results that are not only more effective but also more efficient.

Please join Scott Preston, CIO with Fulbright & Jaworski, and Sarah Clark Kavanagh, CEO of Cable & Clark, for [Technology and the Law Firm Library: Finding Common Ground](#), on **April 28, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. CST.**

This webinar will discuss:

- Perceptions of the law firm technology (from the firm's library point of view)
- Perceptions of the law firm library (from technology's point of view)
- Discussion of barriers between groups, common goals, and needs
- Discuss methods of effective collaboration

[Register by April 21.](#)

### ***Get a Free Year of AALL Membership with Nonmember Annual Meeting Registration***

AALL offers nonmembers a complimentary one-year membership when they register for the [AALL Annual Meeting and Conference](#), to be held July 23-26 in Philadelphia. The membership includes:

- Career resources, such as the online Career Center and continuing education to help you learn new skills to advance in your career
- Access to specialized information created just for law librarians, such as the *Biennial Salary Survey* and the Price Index for Legal Publications
- Subscriptions to the monthly magazine, *AALL Spectrum*, and quarterly journal, *Law Library Journal*, to help you keep up on the latest trends in law librarianship
- The opportunity to network and connect with other law librarians from across the country who share similar interests and are facing the same challenges
- Discounted rates on all AALL products and services, such as publications, webinars, and online job postings

[Annual Meeting registration is now open.](#) Register by June 1 at the early bird rate and save \$100. Be sure to take advantage of this special offer for nonmembers.

***When you renew early—by May 1—you will be entered in a drawing for a free 2011 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference registration. If you renew on time—by May 31—you'll be entered in a drawing for a free AALL webinar of your choice in 2011-2012.***

Following is the 2011 membership renewal schedule:

- **March:** First dues invoices mailed out.
- **May:** Second dues invoices mailed out.
- **June:** Final dues invoices mailed out.
- **July:** Expiration notices e-mailed to all members—individuals and those paid by institutions.
- **August 1:** Expired members deleted from the AALL membership database and access to the AALLNET Members Only Section and *Law Library Journal* and *AALL Spectrum* subscriptions discontinued.

For more information or to renew your membership online, view the [application form](#) on AALLNET. If you have any questions about your membership renewal, contact AALL Headquarters at [membership@aall.org](mailto:membership@aall.org) or 312/205-8022.