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COMBINED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our final function for 1986 will start with a brief Annual General Meeting, followed by a Cocktail Reception/Christmas Party. The details are :

- DATE : Friday 12th December 1986
- VENUE : Heather Room, Menzies at Rialto, 495 Collins Street, Melbourne.
- TIME : 6.00pm to 8.30pm
- COST : \$15.00 per person (Partners are welcome)
Cheques payable to "Medical Libraries Section (Victorian Group)" should be sent to Andrew Rooke, Medical Library, Prince Henry's Hospital, St. Kilda Road, Melbourne, 3004. (62-0621 x2351)
- RSVP : In writing to Andrew Rooke, with cheque, by FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER.

REPORT OF THE LAST GENERAL MEETING - Developments in the NLA Life Sciences Section

On Wednesday evening, 20th August, Andrew Rooke and library staff of Prince Henry's Hospital were hosts to about thirty-five members and guests. Many of these were interested to inspect the new combined Medical and Nursing Library before the meeting commenced.

Guest speakers were Sandra Henderson (NLA) who spoke about recent developments and staffing constraints in the Life Sciences Section, followed by Barry Pennefeather (Commonwealth Department of Health, ADP Section) who outlined the new computer software chosen by the Health Department. Barry was accompanied by Laurie O'Toole and both were available to answer questions about the packages and possible networking with other organizations.

New members welcomed to their first meeting were Myles Strous (Goulburn Valley Base Hospital), Sue McNair (Commonwealth Serum Laboratories) and Jennifer Treller (Alfred Hospital School of Nursing).

OOPS...REFER TO AUGUST NEWSLETTER

- Regarding the Workcare meeting, CPS Rehabilitation Service is not related to the Commonwealth Public Service. It is a private rehabilitation service with offices in Melbourne, Adelaide, and elsewhere.
- In INCITE (22nd August 1986, p. 6) appeared a letter from Rob Brian, Acting Deputy University Librarian (UNSW) which included a list of institutions exempt from the \$15.00 document delivery fee... including all hospital libraries.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Copies of the Minutes from the previous AGM will be available at the meeting, and any Agenda items should be forwarded to the Secretary (Kathy Hutton, Alfred Hospital) before the end of November.

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FREE SEMINARS...

- (1) PsycINFO online searching workshop.
A workshop designed for experienced online searchers (those who currently use PsycINFO as well as those who expect to use it in the future) will be held at two venues on 13th and 14th November. You will have the opportunity to improve your skills in searching the PsycINFO databases - learn about scope and coverage, use of the thesaurus, elements of the record, indexing policies, search strategy development, and search system comparisons.
Brief details are : (1) Thursday 13th November, 9.30am - 3.30pm, Main Library, Monash University (Contact Barbara Jacoby 541-3765 to register) ; (2) Friday 14th November, 9.30am - 3.30pm, RMIT Central Library (To register call Ann Wilson 660-2442).
As space is limited you are advised to register as soon as possible.
- (2) MED/BIOSIS, Biomedical Library, Monash University, 9.30am to 5.00pm on Thursday 6th November and 9.30am to 12.30pm on Friday 7th November.
- (3) BIOBUSINESS, Biomedical Library, Monash University, 2.00pm to 5.00pm on Friday 7th November.
For reservations for seminars (2) and (3) contact : Diana McClellan, Latrobe University, 478-3122 x2924)

CAN YOU HELP ?

The University of Otago Medical Library is prepared to buy a copy, if anyone has one available, of the out-of-print Festschrift for Kenneth Fitzpatrick Russell : proceedings of a symposium...1977, published by Queensberry Hill Press for the Department of Medical History, University of Melbourne. Please write to Don Jamieson, Medical Library, University of Otago, PO Box 913, Dunedin, New Zealand.

VICTORIAN ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION (VAHPA)

VAHPA is the industrial union representing hospital librarians in Victoria. A meeting with Michael Maloney, the Executive Director, was held on 7th October. Michael discussed superannuation ; proposed health services complaints legislation ; and the possible merger/amalgamation of VAHPA in order for it to be federally registered. He also answered many questions from those in attendance. Elizabeth Giddy (Royal Women's Hospital) and Kathy Hutton (Alfred Hospital) agreed to act as VAHPA representatives for hospital librarians. They will share the position recently vacated by Stacey McKeown (Royal Children's Hospital) and their first priority is to increase hospital librarians' membership numbers of VAHPA. (Fees are tax-deductible and can be deducted from your pay i.e. \$5.00 per fortnight for full-time librarians).

CHARGING FOR SERVICES - LET'S HAVE OUR SAY

- Due to the increased cost of postage of inter-library loans, it has been suggested that vouchers be included in these transactions. Your opinion is sought on this matter by the Executive Committee.
- Prince Henry's Hospital is charging \$4.00 for each Medline search. This is not a cost-recovery exercise but will help offset the charges.

LAA 50TH ANNIVERSARY

In preparation for the LAA's 50th Anniversary in 1988 we have been asked to suggest a prominent medical librarian for their guest list. Accordingly, we have added Anne Harrison's name to this list.

HOSPITAL LIBRARY STATISTICS

Copies of the final drafts of the statistics forms have been distributed. It is hoped that the first returns will be received from libraries in July 1987, and that a statistical report will be distributed to respondents. Libraries will not be named, but their statistics will be collated into categories corresponding to those outlined in the Victorian Minimum Standards for Hospital Libraries (1983). If you are not a hospital librarian but are interested in seeing the forms, please contact Kathy Hutton (Alfred Hospital).

QUALITY REVIEW

Several hospital librarians have been asked by hospital administrators to develop and maintain a quality assurance plan for the library. The quality assurance process involves : developing criteria to measure effectiveness of services ; evaluating existing services ; analyzing problems ; developing and implementing solutions ; and re-evaluating services. The aim of the process is to ensure improvement of library services.

A sub-committee has been formed to investigate this area. If you evaluate your services, it would be greatly appreciated if you could send the sub-committee copies of your evaluation forms or any other relevant material. Members include Sandra Russell (St. Vincent's Hospital), Kathy Hutton (Alfred Hospital) and Veronica Delafosse (Royal Southern Memorial Hospital).

PEARL - PEriodicals Available in Regional Libraries.

Pat Nakouz, the Regional Medical Librarian at the Health Department, has spare copies of this microfiche available. As the title infers, it lists the journal holdings of regional medical library collections in Victoria - 45 in all. As most of these are relatively small collections, they are not already listed in NUCOS.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Janet Kelly has taken up the position at the Health Department's Health Promotion Unit - HEAPS (Health Education And Promotion System).
 Anne Simmons has moved north to Newcastle after having spent 10 years in Melbourne.
 Angela Daley has replaced her at the Royal Talbot General Rehabilitation Hospital.
 Felicity Carter has joined Dandenong Hospital.
 Susan McNair is now at the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories.
 Judy Czuchnowski has moved from the Health Department to the School of Nursing Library at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.
 Theresa Jude is at the St. John of God Hospital at Ballarat.
 Dominique Murphy and Lily Seng are at the Australian Medical Association (Victorian Branch).

NEW ARRIVALS

Cathy Anderson (Dandenong Hospital) gave birth to a son, Brendan, in early September.
 On 1st October Veronica Speirs (RMH : School of Nursing) gave birth to her first child, a daughter, Katrina Lee.
 Congratulations to both Cathy and Veronica and their families.

WANTED

Members are needed on the Executive Committee for next year. Please contact Kathy Hutton (Alfred Hospital) if you are interested.

MEDICAL LIBRARIANSHIP JOURNALS

The Committee felt it would be worthwhile to compile a list of current subscriptions in Victorian libraries for all our benefit...

Behavioral and social sciences librarian 1979-
VPIC 2-

Clinical librarian quarterly 1982-
*No listed Victorian locations

Health and welfare libraries quarterly 1965-
*No listed Victorian locations

Health literature review 1984-
*No listed Victorian locations

Health libraries review 1984-
VAH 2- VSV 3- VWEH 3-

Hospital libraries 1976-
*No listed Victorian locations

Medical Library Association bulletin 1911-
VAH 54- VAUH 50- VCI 42-48,57- Dandenong Hospital 69- VFMP 64-
Geelong Hospital 70- Goulburn Valley Base Hospital 68- VHDV 65-
VLIN 55- VMMH 72- VMOU(B) 1- VQVH 53- VRMH 47- VRGH 40-
VSV 34- VU(ME) 1- VWH 67-

MLA news 1961-
VLIN 42- VMOU(B) 29-

Medical reference sciences quarterly 1982-
VAH 4- VMMH 3- VMOU(B) 1- VSV 5- VU(ME) 1- VWH 1-

Perhaps those of you who have access to some of the above may be agreeable to lending or photocopying the contents pages of journal issues for other librarians.

*Someone may want to start subscribing to these.

NETSDI ON MEDICAL LIBRARIANSHIP

We are regularly receiving NETSDI print-outs on medical librarianship. Below are just a few of the articles selected from the recent literature. If you would like to see the abstracts or the other articles, please contact Veronica Delafosse (Royal Southern Memorial Hospital).

J. Austin & V. Williamson. 'Library support to the nursing profession' in Aust Nurses J. 1985. Dec-1986-Jan. v. 15, no. 6, p. 37-9.

A.N. Brandon & D.R. Hill. 'Selected list of nursing books and journals' in Nurs Outlook. 1986. Mar-Apr. v. 34, no. 2, p. 74-82.

S.M. Sparks. 'The U.S. National Library of Medicine : a worldwide nursing resource' in Int Nurs Rev. 1986. Mar-Apr. v. 33, no. 2, p. 47-9.

K.J. Graves & S.A. Selig. 'Library instruction for medical students' in Bull Med Libr Assoc. 1986. Apr. v. 74, no. 2, p. 126-30.

I.M. Lathrop. 'Continuing education needs of hospital librarians' in Bull Med Libr Assoc. 1986. Apr. v. 74, no. 2, p. 110-4.