



GLS Alumni News

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Welcome to your Newsletter

Welcome to the first electronic GLS Alumni News page. A few weeks ago, I was asked by the Library if I would serve as a "Class Correspondent" for the GLS. I enjoyed reconnecting with alumni at the GLS reception held at the Gleacher Center this past June, so I readily agreed. For those of you who didn't make the June reception, go to <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/alumnifriends/alumnipics.html> to see pictures taken at the event.

I hope that reading where your colleagues are today will entice you to submit some news about yourself for the next time. It is so much fun to catch up with old friends, and right now we only have up-to-date information and email addresses for a small percentage of the GLS population. If you keep in touch with someone from the GLS, please pass this email on to him/her so we can reach as many alums as possible.

There are about 1,000 of us out there, so there is much more news to come. I look forward to hearing from you.

Eric Halvorson, AM'75

Peggy Sullivan writes...

Rick Ashton (AM'76) retired as City Librarian of the Denver Public Library. In his tenure there, the new central library was built and major accomplishments occurred in financial development.

Bill Ptacek (a GLS Certificate of Advanced Study recipient) will be on a program at the Public Library Association conference in Boston March 23. Peggy will moderate the program, called "Leaders as Readers," which will feature major public library administrators talking about what they read and why.

Joyce Saricks (AM'77) is teaching a course in adult readers services at the Graduate Library School of Library and Information Science at Dominican University during the 2005-2005 academic year.

Susan Roman (PhD'91) became dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Dominican University during the summer of 2005.

News from You

Katherine Bertolucci (AM'76) has built her career developing classifications, eventually became a taxonomy consultant, specializing in subject-based organizational structures.

Clients have ranged from poetry collections to the Fortune 500. Snoopy is the most famous, in affiliation with Determined Productions, the primary licensee for Charles Schulz. She recently began a taxonomy blog, IsisInBlog, www.bloglines.com/blog/isisinblog.

Kelly McBride Delph (AM'87) is the director of the Russell Co. Public Library in Virginia.

Francis Miksa (AM'70, PhD'74) was on the faculty of the School of Library and Information Science at Louisiana State University from 1972 to 1984. Since 1984, he has been on the faculty of the School of Information of the University of Texas at Austin. He retired to half-time beginning in the fall of 2005.

Margaret Chaplan (AM'66) retired from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana Library in 2004.

Richard Johnson (AM'57) writes that since he retired as director of the SUNY college library at Oneonta in 1994, he has kept his hand in by reviewing for Choice and ARBA. He does volunteer work at the Fenimore Art Museum in Cooperstown and the Glimmerglass Opera, where he often meets up with **Don Cook** (AM'59) who journeys up from his home in Long Island. He remains in contact with **Elizabeth Tate** (PhD'63) and **Raquel Flores** (AM'58) through annual notes. He also serves as treasurer of his church and finds the situation similar to that in a library--"There's never enough money!" Amen, Richard.

Cathryn Bearov (AM'87) is working as Librarian IV in the Social Science and History Division of the Harold Washington Library Center in Chicago.

Jan E.V.W. Hanson (AM'76) is currently Youth Services Librarian at Longview Public Library in Washington State. She is looking forward to a visit to campus as her daughter has been accepted to the UC undergraduate program for fall 2006.

Julie Blume Nye (AM'75) is Senior Product Designer/Product Manager at Fretwell-Downing Informatics in Rougemont, NC.

Jane B. Cole (AM'77) retired in 1998 after 15 years as solo librarian at the research library, Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix. She has co-edited a book titled Arizona Highways Presents Desert Wildflowers (1988) and a special issue of The Journal of the Arizona Nevada Academy of Science titled "Arizona's Local Floras and Plant Lists" (2004). Both still in print and available.

Hedy Ratner (AM'74) is co-president of Women's Business Development Center in Chicago.

Sandy Gerow (AM'87) is librarian for MBA Career Services at Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Julie Hurd (AM'75) retired in 2005 as Professor Emerita from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She is enjoying her new life in Bellaire, Michigan, where she finally has time to pursue her interests in the fiber arts—she will have a piece of her hand weaving in a juried exhibit at the Jordan River Arts Council.

Amy Robson Sanders (AM'86) works in Information Technology for the Quaker Oats Division of PepsiCo.

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