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President's Newsletter  
OHIO REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES  
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Reserve Dates for our Spring Meeting:

ORALL will hold its spring meeting in conjunction with the Ohio State Bar Association in Akron. Local arrangements for the May 15-16 meeting are to be handled by Gertrude Johnson and Anita Shew of the University of Akron. Wesley Gilmer of the University of Cincinnati is planning the program. Notices and reservation forms should reach you about three weeks prior to the meeting dates. Mark your calendar now.

Gertrude has reserved Stan Hywet, the former Seiberling mansion in Akron, as the site of our Friday evening dinner. We suspect you will enjoy the unusual and elegant atmosphere of this home.

1969 Fall Meeting:

Once again ORALL had a good meeting thanks to the combined efforts of Evelyn DeWitt and Simon Goren, who handled local arrangements and the program respectively. Each time the Association becomes more regional in nature; yet we continue to greet new people from the less populous Ohio counties and other smaller law libraries. Few law librarians' problems are unique and these meetings are an opportunity to share viewpoints, gain much knowledge, help colleagues, and win many friends. Join us in Akron in May!

Scholarships to AALL Meeting:

Kathleen Farmann has been successful in obtaining commitments from donors for ORALL Scholarship Grants to AALL Institutes. Kathy and her committee are currently working on criteria and procedures for distributing the scholarships on an equitable basis.

Our special thanks go to the donors: Tom Gordon of West, George Gossman of West, Jay Joseph of Jefferson Law Book Company, Jim Lytle of West, Gene Mayl of Professional Books, Steve Walsh of West, and Perry Warren of Allen Smith.

ORALL Grants may be available to the 1970 AALL Institute if criteria are finalized at the May meeting.

Law Librarianship Course in Ohio:

In the 1970 Spring Semester there will be a course in Law Librarianship at Case-Western Reserve University. The course will be given once per week from 7 to 9 p. m. and is described as "a study of the literature of law, its bibliographic sources, tools and techniques of basic legal research with an emphasis on practical experience, functions and organization of various types of law libraries, development of their collections and distinctive services and procedures." Inquiries may be directed to CWRU Library School; it is our understanding that part-time, non-credit students will be accepted. Simon Goren, Law Librarian at CWRU Law School, will be the instructor.

ORALL at AALL in Washington:

For many years ORALL members and others from the Ohio Regional Area have gathered informally for breakfast one morning at the AALL national convention. This year we intend to continue the informality (no speeches or business); however, plans are being discussed to schedule the time and place in advance. Richard Beer of Oakland County Law Library in Pontiac, Michigan, who has so faithfully informed us of hastily-arranged plans at prior conventions, has agreed to coordinate this effort with those in charge of local arrangements at the National Meeting. You will hear more about it later.

ORALL Resolution:

We are not an officially-chartered AALL Chapter due to AALL's constitutional restriction that more than 50 % of our membership must also hold national membership. The membership of ORALL has passed a resolution asking AALL to eliminate or modify this qualification. It is hoped they would also consider the restriction of requiring that the president of an affiliated chapter be an AALL member.

Archives:

For some time the ORALL Archives have been housed at Ohio State. Nancy Miller has recently rearranged them in a newly-acquired file cabinet for this specific purpose. Past officers who have neglected sending their ORALL correspondence to Nancy should do so at once.

Constitutional Study:

A Constitution and By-laws Committee under the Chairmanship of Nancy Miller has agreed to do a thorough study of the ORALL Constitution to bring it up-to-date. Hopefully, they will be able to present Amendments for consideration at a 1970 meeting.

We await their recommendations. When an updated ORALL Constitution is available, we shall publish it in some form for general distribution among the members as has been requested.

ORALL Placement Officer:

Gertrude Johnson at the University of Akron is the ORALL representative to the AALI Placement Committee. Vacancies occurring within our geographic area should be reported to her. Also, those seeking employment can contact the national committee through Gertrude.

Mahoning County:

We are sorry to learn that Edna Stroh will leave her duties as Law Librarian in Youngstown at the end of December. She was OALL President in 1957-58 and has been in faithful attendance at ORALL and AALI meetings. We wish Edna many years of happy retirement.

Also, we note with regret the death of Jay Prownlee, ORALL member and Secretary-Treasurer of the Mahoning Law Library Association. Mr. Prownlee showed active interest in Ohio law libraries and served on this Association's Legislative Committee.

ORALL OFFICERS:

The slate of ORALL Officers for 1970 are:

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Mathew Dee, Ohio State University  
Stanley Farmann, Notre Dame  
Carol Bratton, Cincinnati Bar Assn.  
Vincent DeMelto, Case-Western  
Reserve

Executive Board

Louise Petransky, Mahoning County  
Probate Court  
Gertrude Johnson, University of Akron  
Bethany Ochal, Wayne State University

We invite inquiries concerning the activities and aims of our organization. Please feel free to contact any officer or member.

Committee assignments follow:

Membership:

Paul Fu, Ohio Northern  
Helen Carstensen, Miami County  
Vernon Rayford, Wayne State  
Stan Farmann, Chairman,  
Notre Dame

Nominations for 1971:

Murine Brunner, State Library  
of Michigan  
Ellen Wheeler, Marathon Oil  
Simon Goren, Case-Reserve  
Bethany Ochal, Chairman,  
Wayne State

Scholarship Grants:

Bethany Ochal, Wayne State  
Virginia Engle, Akron Bar  
Carol Fratton, Cincinnati Bar  
Kathy Farmann, Chairman,  
Notre Dame

Legislative Committee for Ohio:

Arthur Fiske, Cleveland Bar  
Tom Buker, Chairman,  
Columbus Bar

1970 Spring Meeting:

Program: Wesley Gilmer,  
University of Cincinnati  
Local Arrangements:  
Gertrude Johnson and  
Anita Shew, University of Akron

Constitution:

Frank Payne, U.S. Court of Appeals  
Roger Jacob, University of Windsor  
George Buttafoco, Chase College  
of Law  
Nancy Miller, Chairman,  
Ohio State University

I wish to extend to all ORALL members, and others on our mailing list, a successful decade as we enter the Seventies.

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