



## **Beta Phi Mu –**

International Library and Information Science Honor  
Society

## **– Chi Chapter News**

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### **Chi Chapter Selects Dr. Shirley Fitzgibbons for Service Award**

The Chi Chapter Executive Board chose Dr. Shirley Fitzgibbons, Associate Professor Emerita, as the recipient of the Service Award for 2001. The Chi Chapter Service Award is presented annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the library and information science profession or its goals.

Dr. Fitzgibbons worked in both college and school libraries before joining the faculty at IU's School of Library and Information Science in 1980. Until her retirement in May 2000, Dr. Fitzgibbons was the SLIS specialist in library services and literature for children and young adults. She taught and advised hundreds of students and inspired countless future librarians.

Dr. Fitzgibbons has been active with numerous regional, national and international library associations and committees, notably as Chair of the Children's Library Section for the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and as President of the Association of Library and Information Science, directing the 1999 Congress on Professional Education. In 2000, she received the American Library Association's Beta Phi Mu Award for her distinguished service to education in librarianship.

Please join us in honoring Dr. Fitzgibbons at the Chi Chapter Initiation Breakfast, Tuesday, April 10, 2001.

#### **Chi Chapter Board Opportunities**

If you would like to serve on the Executive Board of Chi Chapter in the future, please contact Lisa Champelli ([lchampel@monroe.lib.in.us](mailto:lchampel@monroe.lib.in.us)).

### **2001 Chi Chapter Annual Awards/Initiation Breakfast**

Just a reminder that this year's annual Awards/Initiation Breakfast will be held during the Indiana Library Federation's Annual Conference on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-8:50 a.m. in the Indiana Convention Center (not the Indiana State Library, as in previous years). In addition to a delicious breakfast and the opportunity to meet old and new friends, new members will be initiated, the Chi Chapter Service and Scholarship awards will be presented, and a new Board approved. Register for the BPM breakfast on your ILF conference form or by completing the form included in this newsletter. BPM breakfast attendees DO NOT need to attend the ILF Conference but may just attend the breakfast if desired. We hope to see many friends and members there.

### ***President's Letter***

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.*

*-- Margaret Mead*

*The art of progress is to preserve order amid change and to preserve change amid order.*

*-- Alfred North Whitehead*

I have had the pleasure of working with a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens who aren't necessarily out to change the world but who are striving to provide order and direction to Beta Phi Mu Chi Chapter as we navigate some of the changes at IU's School of Library and Information Science and in the field of librarianship as a whole.

Some of the questions that the Chi Chapter Executive Board has been wrestling with recently have included:

- Should we continue the annual Career Forum in its traditional format?
- How can we help mentor SLIS students and share personal insights about the range of careers available to them as graduates with an MLS or MIS degree?
- Should we expand the criteria for the Scholarship Award to recognize more equitably the diverse range of research products and research papers that SLIS students produce?
- Do MIS students recognize that Beta Phi Mu is their honor society, too?

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual **Career Forum**, held on Friday, October 13, 2000, featured a panel of four professionals representing careers in School Media Services, Academic Librarianship, Special Libraries, and Information Networking. We also had more than a dozen other professionals come to talk with students about their careers. The students who attended the Forum were all very appreciative of this opportunity to talk with professionals in library and information science fields. Although the event was well-publicized to students, the professionals in attendance outnumbered the students for whom we had organized this event.

We are evaluating whether Friday afternoons are no longer a good time to reach students and how else we might share career information with students. If you have any thoughts on this matter or any of the other questions we are considering, please feel free to contact me or any of the Executive Board members. Email contact information is provided in this newsletter and full contact information is available on our webpage at:

<http://www.monroe.lib.in.us/~bpmchi/board.html>

If you have not already made plans to attend the annual **Chi Chapter Awards/Initiation Breakfast** on Tuesday, April 10, you still have time to do so. Please mail the reservation form included in this newsletter to Treasurer Steve Cochran as quickly as possible so we can reserve a place for you at the breakfast, when we will be honoring our 2001 Service Award Winner, Dr. Shirley Fitzgibbons, and presenting the Annual Scholarship Award to a SLIS student, to be determined soon.

The breakfast is one of the few opportunities for Chi Chapter members to gather, welcome new members, recognize the work of our peers, discuss the changes our profession faces, and consider how best we can address them. Hope to see you there! If you can't make it that day but would like to become more involved in Chi Chapter activities, please let us know. Our small group of thoughtful, committed citizens is always seeking to embrace new members, to change, and to grow.

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## Candidates for Beta Phi Mu Chi Chapter 2001

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Angie Dill  
Erika Dowell  
Delia Fritz  
Courtney Greene  
Anne Haines  
Rebecca Harston  
Linda Kamoji  
Matt Kingston  
Susan May  
Larry Mitchell  
Stephen Nedell  
Barbara Pietraszewski  
Karen Piper  
Rosemary Pleva  
Philip Sager  
Cynthia Schmidt  
Natalia Taylor  
Joe Tennis  
Stacey Terhune  
Joe Voris  
Jennifer Walter

## Food, Fellowship, and Fun

Would you like to join a collegial gathering of fellow Chi Chapter members in your area? One such gathering was held after the Career Forum in October at La Flora Ristorante in Bloomington. Besides great food, the group enjoyed an evening of sharing news both personal and professional. If you are interested in initiating or participating in such a group, please contact Anna Martinson (amartins@indiana.edu).

## 2001-2002 Dues and Change of Address

If you are an initiated member of Beta Phi Mu and are interested in joining Chi Chapter or renewing your current membership, you may pay your dues (\$10.00) at the initiation breakfast or send a check at any time to:

Stephen L. Cochran, Chi Chapter Treasurer  
837 Walnut Street, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620

Please let us know if you have changed your address recently by sending current address information to the above address, or, you may update your records by sending a "Chi Membership Update" from the Chi website at: <http://www.monroe.lib.in.us/~bpmchi/members.html>  
In addition, change of address notification should be sent to the National Society: Beta Phi Mu, School of Information Studies, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2100

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**Reservation Form for the Chi Chapter Annual Awards/Initiation Breakfast  
Tuesday, April 10, 2001 at 7:30 a.m. at the Indiana Convention Center  
Cost: \$14.00**

Name:

Address:

Email:

Amount Enclosed:

Comments on issuing the newsletter in electronic format (use back if necessary):

Please mail to: Stephen L. Cochran, Chi Chapter Treasurer, 837 Walnut St. Mt. Verson, IN 47620