



## **Beta Phi Mu –**

International Library and Information Science  
Honor Society

## **– Chi Chapter News**

*Aliis inserviando consumor*

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### **From David Ross:**

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I remember asking myself, upon first hearing Beta Phi Mu's motto, "Just what am I getting myself into?" What exactly does it mean to be "*consumed in the service of others*?" It sounds fatal. It sounds, at the very least, like a fine recipe for burnout. It's a phrase worthy of a soldier, a doctor, a monk-- someone willing to make sacrifices for their beliefs. It's a phrase that sets a very high standard indeed.

We honor our inductees for their academic records, and then casually drop the motto on them: "Oh, did we mention there were some strings attached?" "What's in it for us?" they wonder. One answer is that there is often great joy to be found in serving others. As library and information professionals we are lucky to have much of this kind of joy in our work.

It's also true that a "commitment to service" is a marketable commodity. Those who are committed to service tend to out-perform others on the job, and get better pay. So, offering our inductees a formula for job satisfaction and higher pay isn't really placing such a burden on them at all. It's giving them a recipe for success.

It's no accident that we give our Distinguished Service Award to a role model (like this year's recipient Nancy Lair) at our annual meeting when new members are inducted. It's the proof that our motto really works!

Within our own Chi Chapter board we are also embracing service questions this year: Serving

whom? Serving how? We have our mainstay services of the annual Career Forum, the Scholarship award for a student paper or web site, and the Award for Distinguished Service.

### **Resume Reality Check: Feb 25, 2005**

Working with Deborah Shaw of SLIS, we will be testing a new program idea in February 2005. It will build on the Career Forum experience by allowing students to interact closely with alumni for a "hands-on" session in resume readiness. Stay tuned for more information.

This year we are also working toward better service to our chapter members. Our dedicated, and often, veteran, board members, are quite active this year, dusting off the bylaws, reconstituting our mailing list and our web site, and charting a fresh course for our fresh century.

A primary goal is to achieve an increase in networking among our members. We need you to communicate your vision, your desires and ideas to your Chi Chapter board, to keep our chapter strong and growing. You can do this by joining us in the boardroom, or contacting us via email, phone, or any other means. Together, we will work on those things that energize us the most!

Energize... hmmm. Does anyone have the phone number of that very "*un-consumed*" bunny? I think my batteries are running low.

**--David Ross, Chi Chapter President**

## Career Forum to be held October 15th, 2004

The 2004 Chi Chapter Career Forum will be held on Friday, October 15th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the SLIS Auditorium. Speakers will address changes in the job market, including new career opportunities, and what skill sets will best serve the library and information professional of the future. Where will the best jobs for SLIS graduates be found in the years ahead? Find out at the Career Forum! Refreshments following.

This year's Career Forum is co-sponsored by these SLIS student organizations: ALA, ACM, SLA, and ASIST.

Confirmed speakers include:

Keith Kuhn, Head of Public Services, Public  
Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County  
Brian Kleber, Director, Bloomington Small  
Business Development Center/inVenture  
Cheryl Niemeier, Director Library Services, Bose  
McKinney & Evans, Indianapolis  
4<sup>th</sup> Speaker to be announced

## 2004 Chi Chapter Annual Awards/Initiation News



### Initiation

The annual Awards/Initiation Meeting was held at the Monroe County Public Library on April 30th. The Board thought that the change of venue would permit many initiates who were not planning to attend ILF to come to the ceremony. Thirteen new members were initiated into Beta Phi Mu. The Board and current Chi Chapter

members would like to extend a warm welcome to all new members:

Gena Asher	Catherine M.M. Jansen
Brian F. Clark	Susan J. Leach-Murray
Jennifer Gerke	Quinton Lee
Lisa Habegger	Aaron Loehrlein
Anne W. Hennessy	Jennifer Riley
Anne Marie Kelker	Adele D. Smith
	Bara Swinson

## Service Award

The Chi Chapter Service Award is presented annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession of library and information science. This year's Service Award was presented to **Nancy Lair**, retired faculty member of SLIS, beloved by her many students during a 39 year career in Library and Information Science. Nancy spoke about her serendipitous and circuitous career path—from her original dream of being a veterinarian ( a woman veterinarian? Unheard of!), to working at Merck in their labs, to teaching, to becoming a librarian, lecturer at SLIS, and ultimately helping to develop the library system in Malawi, an extremely poor country in southern Africa. Nancy was a favorite of many, teaching literature of the humanities and the challenging cataloging classes, among many subjects, at SLIS.



Margy Carter, Steve Harter, Nancy Lair, Eva Kiewitt, Lois Lehman, and Martha Woolery celebrate on April 30th.

## \$100 Scholarship Awarded

The 2003-2004 student scholarship award was presented to Charlotte Ford, for her dissertation, "An Exploratory Study of the Differences between

Face-To-Face and Computer-mediated Reference Interactions." SLIS Interim Dean Debra Shaw spoke briefly about the significance of Charlotte's dissertation, and Kathryn La Barre read a brief note from Charlotte and accepted the award on Charlotte's behalf. Heather's paper and other past Chi Chapter scholarship papers are available at: <http://www.monroe.lib.in.us/~bpmchi/scholarship.html#list>

## 2005 Scholarship Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the 2004-2005 Chi Chapter Student Scholarship Award is February 16, 2005. A web page summarizing the award is available at the following URL: <http://rimbaud.monroe.lib.in.us/~bpmchi/scholarship.html>

### Chi Chapter Board Positions

If you would be willing to serve on next year's Executive Board of Chi Chapter, please contact Sue Catt, Chi Chapter Vice President [scatt@ivytech.edu](mailto:scatt@ivytech.edu)

### 2004-2005 Dues

Steve Backs, Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,029.92 as of 4/30/04.

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 any Chi Chapter event or send a check at any time to:

Steve Backs c/o Chi Chapter  
 Monroe County Public Library  
 303 E. Kirkwood Avenue  
 Bloomington, IN 47408

### Change of Address

Address changes may be sent to Chi chapter, Steve Backs, or by using the Chi website at: <http://rimbaud.monroe.lib.in.us/~bpmchi/membership.html> In addition, change of address notification should be sent to the National Society at Beta Phi Mu, School of Information Studies, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306

**BPM National Scholarships** Five separate scholarship opportunities are available from the national society for 2005. Application may be made from Nov 15, 2004 through March 15, 2004. Complete information is available at <http://www.beta-phi-mu.org/scholarships.html>

Sarah Rebecca Reed	\$ 2,000
Frank B. Sessa -	
Continuing Education	\$ 1,250
Harold Lancour -	
Foreign Study	\$ 1,500
Blanche E. Woolls -	
School Media	\$ 1,500
Doctoral Dissertation	\$ 2,000
Eugene Garfield Doctoral	
Dissertation Fellowship	\$ 3,000

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