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FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

The millennium is almost upon us with a chance to reflect on our section's past accomplishments and look forward to new ones. At MLA 1999, Chicago, the Cancer Librarians sponsored a speaker on guided imagery. Belleruth Naparstek gave an interesting program with a spirited talk on the use of imagery including current research studies being conducted on the subject. She finished with an inspiring guided imagery meditation session.

Looking to the future, our section goals and objectives for 1999/2000 are as follows:

Goal 1: Information Technology

Objective: Create Cancer Librarians Section Web Site

The Section will continue to develop a web site under the direction of Ann Marie Clark, our designated web master. The estimated completion date of this project is May 2000. Any ideas or thoughts on the topic should be submitted to Ann Marie.

Goal 2: Professional Development

Objective: Create and Publish a Core List of Cancer Resources.

Under supervising editor, Cheryl Warren, the Section will develop a core list of basic titles and other resources that can be used by the clinical and patient education/consumer health library for collection development. The list will be published by May 2000. Contributors are need. Please feel free to send recommended titles and volunteer to annotate the list. There has been some discussion as to whether this list should be put on our web page. Be alert to the possibility of a discussion on the cancer librarians' list serve about this issue. Our section has received numerous inquiries about the existence of a core list of recommended titles, indicating this could be a worthwhile addition to our web site.

I wish to thank in advance this year's officers and other contributing members of the section. It would be impossible to maintain the quality of our section without these people. Please remember that contributions and ideas from the membership are always welcome.

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Terminal Care/ End Of Life Resources

End of life issues are very important but not always appreciated facets of cancer care. As information professionals, we can let it be known that this information is available. Hospice in particular provides comfort and support to people in their final stages of terminal illness, particularly for the most frightening part of terminal cancer pain. Hospice also provides emotional and spiritual comfort to families and friends. The following resources are not numerous but can be useful as additions or as beginnings to a collection on terminal care. I found the book reviews in ONCOLINK ([HTTP:WWW.ONCOLINK.UPENN.EDU](http://www.oncolink.upenn.edu)) to be most useful in my selection process.

All kinds of love: experiencing hospice (death, value, and meaning series).

Carolyn Jaffe. Amityville, NY, Baywood Pub. Co., 1997. ISBN 0895031477.

Caring for a dying relative: a guide for families.

Derek Doyle. Oxford, Oxford U Press, 1994. ISBN 0192624873.

Communicating in end of life care. Donna Huddleston. Caring Magazine, Feb 1999, pp 1620.

Ethical issues in death and dying. Tom L. Beauchamp. Paramus, NJ, PrenticeHall, 1995. ISBN 0132827328.

Everything changes, but love endures: explaining hospice to children. Karen L. Carney. Dragonfly Pub., 1998. ISBN 0966782054

The experience of transition in families with terminal illness. John D. Morgan, Amityville, New York, Baywood Pub Co., 1995.

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Final gifts: understanding the special awareness, needs, and communications of the dying. Maggie Callanan. New York, Bantam Books, 1992.

Handbook of palliative care in cancer. Alexander Waller. Woburn, Mass., Butterworth Heinemann, 1994 1999. ISBN 075069744x.

The hospice movement: a better way of caring for the dying. Sandol Stoddard. New York, Vintage Books, 1992.

Intimate death: how the dying teach us how to live. Marie DeHennezel. New York, Knopf, 1997.

Oxford textbook of palliative medicine, 2nd ed. Derek Doyle. Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1998. ISBN 0192625667

Sharing the final journey: walking with the dying. Leonard A. Farber, M.D. Robert Pope Foundation, 1996. ISBN 0889996083

CANCERLIB Listserv

Any MLA Cancer Librarians Section member is welcome and encouraged to join the section's official listserv, CANCERLIB. List traffic isn't too heavy, for those of us that are swamped with mail, but it is always very relevant to the interests and concerns of our group. Actually, more conversation is welcome. Possible topics could include reference questions, collection development issues, section business, projects of note and many others. The listserv is hosted by the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, contact Ann Marie Clark (aclark@fhcrc.org) or the server administrator (OwnerMajordomo@pony.fhcrc.org), if you have any questions or problems.

Please send all email for the listserv (to be posted for the membership to read) to:
cancerlib@pony.fhcrc.org

Subscribe/Unsubscribe requests should go to: majordomo@pony.fhcrc.org
In the body of the message include only (don't use the angle brackets, and leave the subject line blank):
subscribe cancerlib <your email address>
unsubscribe cancerlib <your email address>

Other commands should be sent in the body of an email message to Majordomo@pony.fhcrc.org. Multiple commands can be processed provided each occurs on a separate line.

get <list> <filename>
Get a file related to <list>.

index <list>
Return an index of files you can "get" for <list>.

which [<address>]
Find out which lists you (or <address> if specified) are on.

who <list>
Find out who is on the named <list>.

info <list>
Retrieve the general introductory information for the named <list>.

intro <list>
Retrieve the introductory message sent to new users. Nonsubscribers may not be able to retrieve this.

help
Retrieve help and command list message.

end
Stop processing commands (useful if your mailer adds a signature).

Cancer Section Programming in Vancouver May 2000

The Cancer Librarians Section is joining with the Hospital Libraries Section and the Pharmacy and Drug Information Section to offer a joint contributed papers session at next year's Annual Meeting. The title of the program will be: "Demystifying the Library: Expanding Horizons in EndUser Training-New Roles and Techniques for Librarians."

The Annual Meeting dates are May 5-11, 2000.

Program proposal description: Ten years ago, end-user searching was perceived as a threat both to the quality of the search and to the role of the librarian. In the 90's, many librarians began to play an important role in training end-users, using a variety of new tools, techniques, and approaches, and providing instruction for many different resources. They now participate in the design of subject specific web sites and web-based tutorials and are involved in leading training sessions, developing seminars and instructional materials, and staying current with releases of new software or web products. This session presentations will concentrate on the use of innovative instructional methods to turn end-user training into a successful library-based service and also on ways librarians can overcome hurdles and barriers inherent in this process.

We hope that you'll participate by attending the program in Vancouver.

*Karen Albert
Program Chair, Cancer Librarians Section*

Cancer Librarians Section Business Meeting May 16, 1999 Chicago, IL

Meeting began at 7:40 a.m.

1. Minutes of the 1998 meeting were approved.
2. This year the Section co-sponsored, along with the Consumer & Patient Health Information Section and the Hospital Library Section, a speaker on Guided Imagery. The session was held on Tuesday, May 18 from 10:00-12:00. It was well attended.
3. Members of the Section were encouraged to subscribe and use the Section's listserv. Instructions on how to subscribe to the listserv can be found in the Section's Newsletter or by contacting Mary Sprague. Members are encouraged to respond to questions posted.
4. The Cancer Library Section Bylaws were revised several years ago and MLA has now approved them. However, our Bylaws need to be changed back. Changes include serving two years as "president-elect" and two years serving as "president." The Section members at the meeting approved the changes.
5. Cheryl Warren posted a message on the Internet about cancer materials. Discussion centered on whether the cancer materials list should be done again or an annotated core list should be sold. The core list will be compiled and posted to the website. Members were encouraged to send in their book, journal and website favorites for the core list. The core list will be the first

project to be worked on. Members of the Section were encouraged to volunteer to help with the biannual list. Those that help will receive a free copy of the list when completed.

6. There are two Newsletter issues published by the Section each year (April and Fall). Members are encouraged to submit items. Upcoming articles will be on bibliotherapy and hospice.
7. The program for 2000 was discussed. There were three topics the Section liked: End-User Searching, Women's Health & Breast Cancer, or Alternative Medicine. The Section agreed that contributed papers were preferred over sponsored speakers.
8. Report from Section Council.
9. The website for the Cancer Librarian Section is located at Fred Hutchison in Seattle.
10. There are many opportunities to volunteer in the Section.
11. Mary Sprague was thanked for all her hard work as Section President.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

Halyna Liszczyński, MLS, AHIP
Secretary, Cancer Librarian Section

Treasurer's Report

Presently there is \$3023.00, plus a check received November 8, 1999, for \$279 which covers member dues collected between 1 Feb and 31 July. \$500 will be put into a money market certificate to gain a little more interest. Currently all our bills are paid, and we have received all reimbursements from other sections.

Christine Fleuriel,
Treasurer, Cancer Section

Section Council Report Minutes May 16 & 19, 1999 Chicago, IL

1. Issues being faced by libraries such as electronic publishing, e-file, continuing professional development, increase activities as well as avenues, advocating for our libraries and our librarians.
2. The Business Meeting is a very important forum and attendance should be encouraged. Among the things to be discussed there will be:
 - a. Dues increase.
 - b. Single slate bylaws change.
 - c. Name change.
3. Priorities for next year:
 - a. Develop mentoring program.
 - b. Analysis of salaries comparison of information professionals as they compare to librarians.
 - c. Work with public relations firm in regards to the value of the hospital librarian to organization.
4. New initiatives include:
 - a. MLA serving as broker for information databases, especially the expensive ones.
 - b. Benchmarking to give baseline data for hospital librarians so that they can have information similar to what the academics have in their questionnaire and surveys.
 - c. Supporting the digital millennium.
 - d. Enhancing MLANET.

Council Committee Reports:

1. Centennial Committee Liaison will disband at the end of the year. Gathering of histories is completed.
2. CE Committee Liaison discussed their award: Lucretia McClure Award for Excellence in Teaching. Credentialing form will be simplified and put on the web.
3. Program Planning Committee Liaison discussed that there were 25 programs in 4 time blocks, 15 contributed paper sessions, 10

invited speakers, 2 panels and 3 workshops. 83% of programs were co-sponsored. There was a 58% acceptance rate. There were fewer submissions than the previous year.

4. SIGS:

- a. Voyager SIG approved.
- b. Corporate Information Services SIG had discussions with Medical Society. No vote was taken.
- c. Internet SIG will be sponsored by Medical Informatics for one year.

5. Mental Health Section status is in question. There has been no vote in last two years for officers. Most members belong to a very active APA group. Mental Health Section was made a SIG and allowed to keep its treasury.

*Margaret Vugrin,
Cancer Section Representative*

New Editors Needed

After seven years as Editor/Co-editor of the Cancer Section News, Margaret Vugrin, and JoAnn Van Schaik, after two years as Co-editor, are looking for another member to take on the duties of Editor of the newsletter. Duties are to produce 2-3 issues of the newsletter during the year. Current Chair, Cheryl Warren, has been gathering the information for the newsletter and then the editors create the document using desk top publishing software. After editing and printing, the editors mail out the newsletter to the membership.

We will produce the next issue which will come out in April before MLA.

Benefits to the editor include eligibility for points toward AHIP accreditation.

*Margaret Vugrin and JoAnn Van Schaik
Editors, Cancer Section News*

BREAST CANCER RESOURCES ON THE INTERNET:

A very selective list of resources for conventional and complementary/alternative information about breast cancer, revised October 1, 1999.

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American Cancer Society
<http://www.cancer.org/>

Breast Cancer Information Center: The Feminist Majority Foundation
<http://www.feminist.org/other/bc/bchome.html>

Breast Cancer Net
Searchable, very up-to-date news items and information
<http://www.breastcancer.net/>

Breast Cancer Research Semipostal
US Postage stamp breast cancer research fundraiser
<http://www.stampsonline.com/collect/stamp98/bcancindx.htm>

Breast Cancer Round Table
<http://www.seas.gwu.edu/student/tlooms/MGT243/bcr.html>

Breast Cancer Treatment Guidelines for Patients
National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) and the American Cancer Society (ACS)
<http://www.cancernetwork.com/guidelines/Breast/Page1.htm>

Breast Health / Breast Cancer Glossary
<http://www.CancerHelp.com/ed/glossary.htm>

Breast Health: Everything You Need to Know About Breast Health & Breast Cancer. A Service of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
<http://www.breastcancerinfo.com/bhealth/>

CancerGuide: Steve Dunn's Cancer Information Page
Good "first site" for patients. Includes pros / cons of researching one's own cancer
<http://cancerguide.org/>

CANSEARCH NCCS (National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship)
Resources by and for patients, in English and Spanish
<http://www.cansearch.org/canserch/>

[canserch.htm](#)

Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center - WAR (Women at Risk)
http://cpmcnet.columbia.edu/dept/surgery/breast/wr_main.htm

Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center - WAR Resource Library
Up-to-date bibliography of books and pamphlets for patient education; includes conventional and complementary therapies
<http://cpmcnet.columbia.edu/dept/surgery/breast/booklist.htm>

Department of Defense Breast Cancer Decision Guide for Military and Civilian Families
Comprehensive, clear information, well-organized using outline format
http://www.bcdg.org/browsing_list.html

JAMA: Women's Health Information Center Journal Watch Scan.
Abstracts of current women's health information, including breast cancer research
<http://www.ama-assn.org/special/womh/womh.htm>

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center: Breast Cancer
<http://www.mskcc.org/frame.cfm?FrameLocation=/document/wicbreas.htm>

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center: Breast Cancer Self-Examination Video
An excellent video, in which women of different sizes and races demonstrate breast self-examination techniques. FREE, on request
<http://www.mskcc.org/document/bsevideo.htm>

NABCO (National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations)
<http://www.nabco.org>

National Breast Cancer Centre
(Sydney, Australia)
<http://www.nbcc.org.au/>

National Cancer Institute PDQ® Treatment for
Patients
[http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov/clinpdq/pif/
Breast_cancer_Patient.html](http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov/clinpdq/pif/Breast_cancer_Patient.html)

National Cancer Institute PDQ® Treatment for
Health Professionals
[http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov/clinpdq/soa/
Breast_cancer_Physician.html](http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov/clinpdq/soa/Breast_cancer_Physician.html)

Oncolink: Breast Cancer
Searchable database of cancer research and
information
<http://www.oncolink.upenn.edu/disease/breast/>

“The role of hormone replacement therapy in
the risk for breast cancer and total mortality in
women with a family history of breast cancer.”
Sellers TA. Mink PJ. Cerhan JR. et al.
Annals of Internal Medicine. 127(11):973-80,
Dec 1, 1997.
[http://www.acponline.org/journals/annals/
01dec97/history.htm](http://www.acponline.org/journals/annals/01dec97/history.htm)

STAR (Study of Tamoxifen and Raloxifene)
STAR, one of the largest breast cancer preven-
tion studies ever, is now recruiting volunteers at
more than 400 centers across the United
States, Puerto Rico, and Canada.
[http://cancertrials.nci.nih.gov/
NCI_CANCER_TRIALS/zones/TrialInfo/News/star](http://cancertrials.nci.nih.gov/NCI_CANCER_TRIALS/zones/TrialInfo/News/star)

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
Grants and funding information, news; Includes
link to Komen's informational website, Breast
Health, above
<http://www.komen.org/>

What You Need to Know About Breast Cancer
(University of Arizona)
[http://www.azcc.arizona.edu/www/text_files/
education/breast/br-index.html](http://www.azcc.arizona.edu/www/text_files/education/breast/br-index.html)

Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization
(links in English and Spanish)
<http://www.y-me.org/>

ALTERNATIVE /COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE

For a clear, sensible overview of information on
alternative therapies for cancer, I highly recom-
mend Michael Lerner's book, Choices In Healing,
which is available as a paperback:

Lerner, Michael. Choices in healing: integrating
the best of conventional and complementary
approaches to cancer. MIT Press 1996, ISBN
0262621045
(paper); ISBN 0262121808 (cloth).

It is also available, full-text online, for FREE:
Choices in Healing by Michael Lerner
[http://www.commonweal.org/
choicescontents.html](http://www.commonweal.org/choicescontents.html)

American Cancer Society - Complementary and
Alternative Methods
http://www.cancer.org/alt_therapy/index.html

CancerGuide Material on Alternative Therapies
<http://cancerguide.org/alternative.html>

HealthWorld Online - Breast Cancer
[http://www.healthy.net/clinic/dandc/breastca/
index.html](http://www.healthy.net/clinic/dandc/breastca/index.html)

HealthWorld Online - Cancer Resource Center
<http://www.healthy.net/cancer/resource.htm>

Center for Alternative Medicine (UT-CAM) at The
University of Texas' Houston Health Science
Center
This is an excellent source of clinical research on
complementary therapies for cancer.
<http://www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/utcam/default.htm>

National Cancer Institute. Cancer Facts: Complementary and Alternative Methods in Cancer Treatment
http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov/clinpdq/umethods/Q_and_A_About_Complementary_and_Alternative_Medicine_in_Cancer_Treatment.html

"Revisiting Accepted Wisdom in the Management of Breast Cancer," © 1997
Harriet Beinfield, and Malcolm S. Beinfield.
Excerpted with permission from Alternative Therapies in Health and Medicine at
<http://www.healthy.net/library/ARTICLES/Beinfield/revisiting.htm>

Taxol Improves Breast Cancer Survival When Added To Chemotherapy
<http://www.pslgroup.com/dg/fabde.htm>

Unconventional Cancer Therapies British Columbia Cancer Agency
The authors state, "This information is offered to our patients to assist in critically evaluating claims made by proponents of unproven or unconventional cancer therapies."
<http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/uctm/>

OTHER RESOURCES

Breast Cancer Discussion Mailing List:
To subscribe: Send a message to
LISTSERV@MORGAN.UCS.MUN.CA
Leave the subject line blank, and set the first message line to:
subscribe BREAST-CANCER your_first_name
your_last_name

You may also contact the following organizations directly through email:
Blood & Marrow Transplant Newsletter
help@bmtnews.org.

National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations
NABCOinfo@aol.com.

Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization
help@y-me.org

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