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President's Message

Welcome to 2012!!

I love the Christmas season. From the time I get out the Advent wreath until I put away the Christmas decorations, the world seems a more wondrous place filled with hope and miracles. Christmas Mass is always the focal point bringing a real sense of peace and joy, no matter what else is happening in my life. I truly enjoy all the celebrations and all the visits with family and friends. As an academic librarian, the holidays are also semester break. So, the New Year holiday has become a time of both personal and professional reflection. I always wonder what will change and what will stay the same in the year ahead. Looking back gives me a chance to see where I've been and to consider what I should change and where I should go in the coming year.

Looking Back: Despite the rainy weather, **our Chapter had a wonderful Fall Social at the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site.** We were honored to welcome **special guests Malachy McCarthy, our national CLA President, and national CLA Board member, Jean Elvekrog,** and her husband Jim. Our **speaker, Don C. White,** gave an interesting presentation about Ulysses S. Grant and the National Park Rangers offered tours of White Haven. For pictures, check out CLA's [Facebook](#) page.

Looking Forward: As I think about our CLA Chapter, I see three really active and vibrant sections: Children's, Young Adult, and Parish. The Academic/Archives section, however, is struggling, so this year I hope we can find ways to revitalize it and attract new members. Some of our Catholic schools are still downsizing libraries and/or eliminating librarians – a huge disservice to our students and their families. How do we address this issue?

Congratulations to Christine Turland who was recently appointed to national CLA's Executive Board. Our Chapter has a long history of members being active at the national level and we are thrilled to once again have a national Board member. Speaking of national CLA... please consider attending the annual CLA convention in Boston, April 11-13, 2012. For more information about the program, visit [CLA's website](#).

I am really excited about our **Spring Conference on Saturday, March 10, 2012.** The Conference will be **at Maria Center,** adjacent to Notre Dame High School and the Motherhouse of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. We will begin our day with Mass, have section meetings / programs, and our general session will continue our Civil War commemoration by looking at Catholics during the Civil War as documented in archival and manuscript materials at several of our member institutions. This year's *Fons Sapientiae* Award winner will be honored at the Luncheon. The conference schedule will be in the next *LibraryLink*, so plan now to attend.

For me, this past year has been one of unanticipated challenge and change as it has been for many of our CLA members. As we put away our Christmas and holiday decorations, and head in to the uncertain future, remember that we have a supportive and caring CLA family. Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and blessed New Year!

Joanne Cognac Vogel



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CALENDAR CLA and other library-related events

Sunday, Jan 22, 2012 at 1:15 p.m. — *CLA Board Meeting* at Notre Dame High School

★ **Saturday, March 10, 2012 — *CLA Greater St. Louis Chapter
 Spring Conference at Notre Dame High School***

★ **Tuesday-Friday, April 11-13, 2012 — *NCEA/CLA National Convention in Boston***

Wednesday, March 21, 2012—St. Louis Regional Library Network's *Tech Expo* at the new Spencer Road Branch of the St. Charles City County Library District in St. Peters.

Sunday, April 22- Tuesday, April 24, 2012— *MASL Spring Conference* at Tan-Tar-A, Osage Beach, Missouri

Sunday, May 6, 2012 — *CLA Executive Board meeting* at SLU Law Library at 1:15 p.m

Sunday, June 24-Friday, June 29, 2012 *CLA Introductory Archives Workshop for Religious Communities*
 San Antonio, TX



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Highlights of **MINUTES** of the
Executive Board Meeting
**Greater St. Louis Chapter
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SLU Law Library,
November 13, 2011

TREASURER'S REPORT—Janice Milowshewski
November, 2011

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$519.60
CLA National Dues	\$125.00
Murray Print Shop	\$204.00
Eileen Franke (Postage reimbursement)	\$187.60
Check image fee	\$ 3.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$240.00
Memberships	
11 at \$20.00	\$220.00
2 at \$10.00	20.00

MEMBERSHIP REPORT —Eileen Franke:

Membership statistics:

Academic / Archives Library Services	22
Children's Library Services	35
High School / Y A Library Services	25
Parish / Community Library Services	20
Total membership	102

Note: Nine members who had not renewed before the November board meeting were deleted from the membership list.

Children's Library Services/Archdiocesan Library Institute—Jo Ann Holdener:

Reporting on **Archdiocesan Library Institute**: flyers were sent to schools. First session met at the Rigali Center; Sr. Barbara Payne gave a presentation on Guidelines for the Library Policy Handbook; Dr. Raymond Wicks and Mrs. Denny Bram provided information about Archdiocesan policies that affect schools. Attendees numbered about sixteen; many are coming from outside the city, e.g., St. Charles County and more remote parishes in the Archdiocese. Session two met at St. Gabriel, December 1. Sr. Barbara presented information on Collection Maintenance.

Parish / Community Services Section Report — Craig George:

Six people attended the Section meeting held October 6 at Pauline Books and Media in Crestwood. Carol Campbell from Catholic Supply will talk about Personality of Catholic Publishers for the P&C section at the Spring Conference.

Section spring meeting will be at Liguori Press, tentative date: April 24. The gathering will include Mass.

Young Adult Library Services Section Report —Beth Wakely

The **Catholic High School librarians** have started meeting once a month at Nerinx High School in Webster Groves to view YALSA archived webinars. **Carol Winkler, librarian at Nerinx**, learned that she had access to these webinars when she joined the YALSA section of the American Library Association and offered to arrange for a room for us to view them. Each webinar is on a different topic. October's topic was "30 Ways to Reach Reluctant Readers". On November 30, we watched "Back to the Facts: YA Nonfiction". On January 11 we will view "Passive Programming: Doing More with Less". February 29, we will view "YA Classics". April 18, we will view "Back to the Basics: Updated".

Each webinar starts promptly at 4 PM and lasts for 60 minutes. The webinars are all produced by active young adult librarians who are enthusiastic about working with teens and encouraging teens to read. The advantage to us viewing the webinars as a group is that we are able to react to the suggestions being offered and to share our own best practices. Those who attend are invited to go out for dinner afterwards to continue the conversations. We are finding that meeting like this is creating a strong professional learning community among the local Catholic school librarians. We invite all persons interested in young adult literature and working with teenagers to join us. There is no cost to attend. Please contact either Carol Winkler at cwinkler@nerinxhs.org or Beth Wakely at bwakely@desmet.org

HS/YA librarians met at Applebee's on Wednesday, December 7, for a professional colleagues' enrichment session.

Pictured—Back row: Becky Price (St. Francis Borgia Regional HS), Jennifer Millikan (St. Joseph's Acad.), Cherie LeMay (Villa Duchense), Julie Hamilton (Incarnate Word Acad.), Sr. Barbara Payne cpps (retired), Shelagh Fant (John F. Kennedy HS). Front row: Melissa Poth (Visitation Acad.), Susanne Kress (St. Louis Priory), Christine Turland (Cardinal Ritter Prep), Amanda Meehan (Notre Dame HS), Sharon Ziegler (Duchesne HS), Beth Wakely (DeSmet Jesuit HS)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!
Saturday, March 10, 2012
Spring Conference at Notre Dame High School.

**Come for a great day of informative and entertaining presentations,
vendors' displays of enticing materials,
networking with like-minded colleagues, a tasty luncheon,
and welcoming the *Fons Sapientia* recipient.**

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