

Official Newsletter of the Southern New England Law Librarians' Association

## President's Letter by Hilary Frye

Greetings SNELLA members!

This is such an honor to be President-thank you very much for electing me this year. It means a great deal to me. I hope we'll have some fun together!

Thanks to all of you who attended the Annual Dinner at Yankee Silversmith. I hope you enjoyed meeting our two guests of honor: Connecticut State Librarian, Mr. Kendall Wiggin, SNELLA Chapter VIP to AALL in Boston during July and Kelly Browne, Head of Reference at University of Connecticut School of Law. Kelly gave a very amusing and entertaining talk about her research in Emotional Intelligence, which is a new management theory similar to Myers-Briggs. We had a record turn-out for the event. It was great to see old friends and get caught up on news.

Most of the SNELLA members who attended AALL in Boston got a chance to meet our VIP, Ken Wiggin. If you missed him there or were unable to attend, there will be another opportunity on October 23, 2004 when the Connecticut State Library celebrates the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Gala Reception at the Hall of Flags in the State Capitol in Hartford. Mr. Wiggin is an effective and capable advocate for libraries. He is on the Connecticut Library Association Government Affairs Committee and regularly travels to Washington with the CLA lobbying team to meet with the Connecticut delegation. As State Librarian, Mr. Wiggin has managed to establish a fund to preserve vital town records by creating partnerships with sectors of the information community and working with the state legislature.

Speaking of AALL, SNELLA was proud to contribute in the following ways: we sponsored the magician at the Family Fun Hour; we sponsored a VIP [State Librarian Kendall Wiggin]; we contributed a hospitality basket [thanks to Caroline Benoit of Pepe & Hazard who solicited donations of Connecticut foodstuffs, wine etc. to make a beautiful basket, which by the way was won by Pat Behles of the University of Baltimore Library Law Library]; Susan Scoville, immediate Past-President of SNELLA, organized the joint LLNE/SNELLA luncheon this year; and we had a very colorful Exhibit Table in the activity area and raffled off one of Dr. Henry Lee's forensics books-congratulations to David Kullman of Saint Louis University Law Library who won the raffle!

Here's a wish list for SNELLA:

- 1 Have a booth at the CLA conference in 2005 which will be at the Omni Sheraton April 11-13 in New Haven [*Linda Mellick & Hilary Frye are working on this*]
- 2 Establish an institutional membership category so that we could have the option of using an electronic laboratory for training courses [*the Board is consid-*  
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### SNELLA Calendar

- Saturday October 23, 2004

150th Anniversary of the Connecticut State Library

Hall of Flags in the State Capitol

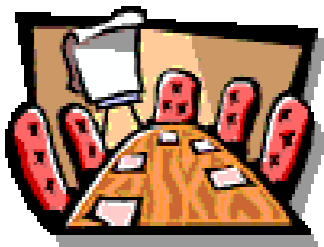
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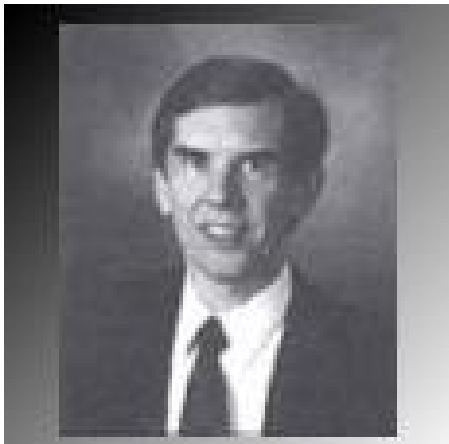
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SNELLA President, Hilary Frye, at This year's SNELLA Booth at the AALL National Conference in Boston.



## **Kendall F. Wiggin Connecticut State Librarian**

Thanks to SNELLA for making me one of the VIP's. It was great fun! I appreciated being introduced to your colleagues.

I found the programs very informative and applicable to things I am interested and involved in. I also gained a new understanding of the issues facing law libraries of all types. It was interesting to me just how diverse the law libraries are! It was also fun to be a federal law librarian if only for a short time! [One of the receptions got his name tag confused with that of a judge]

As a result of attending the conference I feel that I can be a better advocate for the law librarians in Connecticut and I look forward to working with you and the other members of SNELLA in the future.

[**Note from Hilary**-a big thanks to those who served as VIP Guides at AALL: Maureen Well, Director of Trial Court Libraries; Darcy Kirk, Director of Univ. of Conn Law School Library; Chris Graesser, Law Librarian at Brown Rudnick Law Firm in Hartford; and Kelly Browne, Head of Reference at Univ. of Conn. Law School Library.]

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# Best Bets on the Internet

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ering this with advice from Mike Hughes]

- 3 Find a new chair for the Public Relations Committee (*Steve Mirsky is too busy with his many good works to continue*) or replace it with a Fund Raising Committee—here’s a fundraising idea “Arrange with a popular ice cream parlor to have SNELLA members scoop and sell for 3 hours with all proceeds going to SNELLA”
- 4 Offer a legal bibliography course to SLA members in Fairfield County in Spring of 2005 (*Jonathan Stock & Roseanne Shea are working on this with the Legal Bib Team* [Claudia Jalowka, Larry Cheeseman and Janet Zigadto])
- 5 Replenish our dwindling coffers somehow [*Vincent Valvo, Publisher of Connecticut Law Tribune has offered some help*]
- 6 Recruit new members
- 7 Explore establishing a memorial bench to the late Barbara Bresnahan Karp [*Dottie McCaughtry and Hilary Frye are working on this*]
- 8 Migrate the SNELLA listserv to Yahoo [*Susan Scoville is working on this*]

Let me know if you can help with any of these, or have suggestions, ideas or questions: [hfrye@cslib.org](mailto:hfrye@cslib.org) 860 757-6597

And last, but not least ... here’s a special thank you to Sally Salancy, Library Director at Tyler, Cooper, for pickup and delivery of the Spring workshop speaker at Amtrak in New Haven and to Peter Jenkins, New London Courthouse Law Librarian, for picking up and delivering some of the handouts for the SNELLA table at AALL.



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