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Dear GD-SIS members,

Even though we haven't been able to do things this year like we have in the past, this issue reflects how leaders in our SIS have continued to find ways to bring people together in spite of the pandemic. Although AALL canceled its in-person annual meeting, GD-SIS still held our annual business meeting virtually. When the FDLP conference followed suit, Larry Meyer reports on the event that he and Ed Hart planned to move the "Law Librarian and Friends" dinner online. Although we are still not sure what next year will bring, here's hoping that yours is a very happy and healthy one!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Kunkel

**Chair's Message****Judith Simms****Reference and Digital Systems Librarian****Rutgers Law Library**

Dear GD-SIS,

This has been a heavy year full of loss, postponed or cancelled celebrations, learning to work in new and often pressure filled situations and so much more. Like many of you I am hopeful for the new year and practicing finding grace for myself in the day to day. I want to thank all of you for stepping up when you've been asked to and for being resilient and finding your own way through so much change and adversity this year.

It was great seeing many of you at our social event coordinated by Larry Meyer and Ed Hart right before the FDLP conference. As I mentioned at the event, we are in the midst of planning for AALL 2021. Although things are still in flux, we are hoping that registration will be up and running soon. AALL is currently selecting programs and scheduling meetings and we are hoping to sponsor a program as we have in years past. Please consider submitting a program proposal next year as we did not have the same response this year as we did last year and would love to continue sponsoring programs for our members each year.

In November, our SIS co-sponsored an event called Active Steps to Increase Diversity & Address Racism: Lightning Talks & Discussion. A big thank you goes out to Larry Meyer and Seth Quidachay-Swan for helping out on the planning committee on behalf of our SIS. This event was focused on steps that individual librarians have taken to address racism and promote diversity in their libraries. If you were unable to attend and would like to hear a recording or see notes, please let me know.

As always, there are many ways to be active in GD-SIS through volunteering for committees, running for a board position in the spring or planning a poster session at the annual conference.

I should be sending out information about our annual breakfast/business meeting soon. We are looking to host an off-site breakfast that will be walking distance from our venue.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Cleveland in the coming year. In the meantime, have a wonderful holiday season! If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to me or anyone else on the board. My email address is judith.simms@rutgers.edu.

Virtual Law Librarian & Friends Dinner**Larry Meyer****Director****San Bernardino Law Library**

In this year of many firsts and many changes in events we attend and how we approach things, the GD-SIS created its own first in response to the FDLP Fall Conference going virtual. When the announcement first came out, Past GD-SIS Chair Ed Hart from University of North Texas School of Law suggested that the traditional “Law Librarian and Friends Dinner,” also be held virtually. The suggestion was readily seconded, thirded, etc. by a number of other members. Current GD-SIS Chair Judith Simms from Rutgers University (Newark) Law School agreed and after conversing with her Board agreed to fund gift cards which participants could win. She also suggested that rather than the typical name draw having a trivia contest would be more exciting for the participants.

As a way of background going back to the 1996 Salt Lake City FDLP Conference, where Mary Alice Baish organized the first get together of “Law Librarians and Friends,” a group of Law Librarians and “Friends” have used the occasion to get-together for a Dutch Treat dinner and conversation. Generally, each year, there will be a mix of those attending who have been at the dinner many years, those who are first-timers, locals, and guests. While many are law librarians, the event always has a good mix of non-law librarians. The conversation ranges from serious work-related discussions to long-time friends catching up and everything in between. For many years, when there were two in-person FDLP Conferences a year, the gathering would be in the D.C. area once a year and at an eating establishment in the city hosting the second FDLP. For the last few years, the gathering has been at Sine, Irish Restaurant, convenient to the FDLP host Doubletree Arlington hotel.

This year then, with the decision to have a virtual get together and again at the suggestion of Past Chair Hart, Past Chair Larry Meyer from the San Bernardino County Law Library agreed to “host” the event, with the technical assistance of Ed Hart. Monday, October 19, 2020 was chosen, in order to have the meeting before the start of the Conference and out of respect to the tradition of generally having the dinner on the Monday evening of the Conference. Because, unlike a live meeting with everyone in the same time zone, it was decided to hold the meeting at 5 p.m. for East Coast Happy Hour goers and 2 p.m. West Coast time. Very similar to the in-person get-together a sign up was held ahead of time. Again, in keeping with tradition the sign up included virtual attendees from around the Country and both law librarians and non-law librarians. Jennifer Bryan Morgan (University of Indiana Law Library) and Scott Matheson (Yale Law Library), both past GD-SIS Chairs agreed to speak. Jennifer spoke as a newly appointed member of the FDLP Council on attending her first Fall Meeting as a Council member and also gave attendees insight into the programs that might be of most interest to the Law Librarian

Community. Scott followed with a presentation on his years as a Council member and had additional comments on some of the programs to attend in the coming days of the Conference.

Each also answered questions from the attendees. In addition to the two speakers, other attendees who have served on Council shared some of their thoughts and experiences. As the conversation progressed, attendees talked about their institutions and their response to Covid and a multitude of other work and personal/family issues. There were even a few comments about the beverages some of the participants might be enjoying in accordance with their time zone. In many ways a meeting very similar to an in person gathering.

During the talks and discussion, a total of 10 trivia questions were given to the group. As can be expected from a group of highly motivated law librarians, some of the questions were answered rather quickly and others took a little bit of time (and probably quick research) to get correct. However, as with all good things, the session came to an end all too quickly with most of the group hoping to meet in person once again, next year.

Thanks again to Judith and the GD-SIS Board for sponsoring the event and to Ed Hart for both his suggestion for a virtual meeting and his willingness to facilitate the meeting through Zoom. Lastly, congratulations to the ten trivia winners!

Here are the ten questions, how well will you be in getting the correct answers? (Answers below.)

What Year was the Depository Library Committee (DLC) Established?

What year was the first DLC meeting?

How many States are in the GD-SIS Bibliography Series?

Which State was the first state to appear in the Bibliography Series?

In what year was the GD-SIS formed as an SIS?

What city, other than Washington, D.C. has hosted the most DLC/FDLP meetings?

Who was the first Law Librarian to be appointed to Council, per AALL?

Which Law Librarian has served the most separate terms on DLC?

Traditionally, the FDLP/DLC conference in this City is considered to have been the first city in which Mary Alice Baish organized the first Law Librarian and Friends dinner?

When and/or where was the most recent in person Spring DLC/FDLP meeting?

The Answers:

DLC was established 1972.

The first DLC meeting Feb 1973.

All 50 states in the state Bibliography Series.

Kansas was the 1st state in the series in 1984.

The year the GD-SIS formed as an SIS was 1974.

The city, other than Washington, D.C. that has hosted the most DLC/FDLP meetings? (Arlington, Va. 27 times)

Per AALL the first Law Librarian to be appointed to Council was Margaret T. Lane.

The Law Librarian who has served the most separate terms on DLC is Susan Tullis.

Salt Lake City, as noted above is traditionally considered to have been the first city in which a Law Librarian and Friends dinner was held.

The most recent in person Spring DLC/FDLP meeting was held April 4-6, 2011 in San Antonio, Texas.

Starbucks Gift Card Winners:

Cate Kellett

Kate Irwin-Smiler

Monica Ortale

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