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Consider the Lillys. . .

By Bruce Kleinschmidt

It is difficult to live in Indianapolis and be either unaware of, or unaffected by, the wealth of the heirs of Col. Eli Lilly. Easily the richest family in Indiana, their worth is measured in billions of dollars, made primarily from the search for, manufacture of and sale of pharmaceuticals. Col. Lilly was a self-taught chemist, with a Quaker background. He was born in Maryland, lived in Kentucky and then settled in Indiana where he apprenticed in a drug store. After the War between the States, he bought a cotton plantation in Mississippi which was such a failure that he had to file bankruptcy. After the death of his wife, he returned to Indianapolis (or as I've coined it "Venice Midst the Corn") in 1876, to start his pharmaceutical business. Within ten years, he needed 100 employees to conduct his work. Col. Lilly was concerned about many civic projects and it is claimed that paved streets and sewers were particularly close to his heart.

When Col. Lilly died, his son, "J.K." (Josiah Kirby Lilly, Sr.) took over the reigns and began to direct the company into doing or supporting significant medical research. When insulin was discovered at the University of Toronto, the Lilly company received the rights to make and market insulin to the world. J.K. did something in terms of the family faith. He decided to become an Episcopalian. We'll talk more about that decision later.

J.K.'s sons, Joe (Josiah Kirby Lilly, Jr.) and Eli (named for his grandfather) brought the business into the forefront of the world when they managed to obtain rights to manufacture penicillin. Today the company is best known for the research and manufacture of Prozac.

Aside from telling you the story of this company, it should be noted that Eli, the grandson, was a primary mover in the creation of the Lilly Foundation. The major focus of the Lilly Foundation, and the heirs, is the Indianapolis community. Whether you visit the Arts Garden at Circle Centre, the Eiteljorg Museum, the Children's Museum, or the

Indianapolis Museum of Art, you are dabbling in the riches of the Lilly empire. \$25 million of Lilly money were given to construct the Convention Center and the Dome. It would be impossible to detail all the places in this city which have benefited from the Lillys, but they certainly include a large share of libraries and archives as well.

Now I've gone into some detail about the family and their riches because I think they illustrate the concept of social responsibility on a massive scale. And any catalog of their deeds would be incomplete without mentioning that they have "feet of clay" as well. It is a very odd thing to realize the influence and the power of the Lillys upon the churches that they have favored. Within the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis, we have three congregations that have Lilly endowments. Endowments that now total \$25 million were given to the Christ Church Cathedral (on the Circle), and the parishes of St. Paul's and Trinity. That sounds really amazing--more money that you can imagine for organs and wonderful musical programs and assorted other projects.

But there is a very dark side to this coin. The money came with a price. There already was a cathedral, and it was not on the Circle. It was built about one mile north of downtown. But a disagreement in that church with the bishop helped Mr. Lilly decide to fund the relocation of the cathedral to what is the oldest church in the city. And he wanted his house servants to be good Episcopalians, but he'd prefer that they worship somewhere else. So another parish was created (but not endowed) for them. I wonder if the phrase "Lilly white" originated here?

All this raises the question of being socially responsible with our money. How do we spend our money? And do we appreciate the power of money to change circumstances, whether for good or bad? As a parishioner at what used to be the cathedral, I can readily describe the problems of having to maintain a large edifice on a small budget.

If you happen to hear the "Poetry Interlude" at 9:00 P.M. on WICR "brought to you by Ruth Lilly" or you see the name modestly displayed around the city (she often gives her personal funds anonymously) stop and ponder over your view of social responsibility when it comes to the effect of your giving.

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Special Request From the AALL President

Dear Fellow AALL Member:

The American Association of Law Libraries needs your help in completing and returning a fairly detailed questionnaire that is scheduled to be mailed to AALL members in March. This questionnaire is part of an extensive demographic survey of AALL member's which is designed to provide us with information about our members and obtain your views about just what AALL needs to do in the next few years. You should know that the questionnaire is designed so that no one will be able to identify who returned any particular copy. Thus I ask that you be as candid as possible when completing the one sent to you. My presidential column in the February issue of the AALL Newsletter will include more information about the questionnaire and the process of which it is a major part. In closing I want to thank you in advance for your attention to

my request and for taking the twenty minutes or so that will be required to complete and return the questionnaire when you receive it. Your participation in this survey is of vital importance to us and to you as well since it is perhaps the best opportunity you are likely to ever have to tell those of us who lead AALL what it is you want your Association to do for you.

*Sincerely yours,
Patrick E. Kehoe, President, AALL*

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Welcome to Circle City!

Indianapolis, home of car racing and home of Prozac, welcomes you this July! Watch the Newsletters from AALL for more details and valuable information--like why we are the Circle City. (Well, we had this great idea when building the city. Let's just reuse the plans for Washington, D. C. So a one square mile city was platted, bordered by North, South, East & West Streets.) Wow! And we have canals downtown too!

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Nominations News from AALL

The AALL Nominations Committee has begun the process of identifying possible candidates for the 1997 AALL election. Candidates are needed from the office of Vice-President/President Elect and two Executive Board Members.

The Committee, to the best of its ability must present a slate of candidates that reflects the diversity of AALLs membership. Candidates must, along with currently elected officers maintain a balance as to library type, geography, gender and minority representation.

Each AALL member is encouraged to submit names to be considered for potential candidacy. Please do so by writing any member of the Nominations Committee, or AALL Headquarters, by April 15, 1996.

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SIS Candidate Statements:

Donna Hughes-Oldenburg, candidate for Secretary/Treasurer:

Donna states that she "intends to get the Holloch bequest funds straightened out and earning money."

Donna received a B.A. in 1973 and her M.A. in 1975 from Hollins College. She has a Ph.D./ABD in American Literature and Language from U.N.C.--Chapel Hill in 1982. In 1985 she received her M.L.I.S. from U.C. Berkeley.

Donna's work experience as a librarian began in 1985 with the California State Coastal Conservancy; she worked in several other libraries and in 1990 began working as a cataloging law librarian at Univ. Of San Francisco. In 1993 she became head of technical services at Golden Gate University's Law Library.

Donna has been active with AALL, having spoken in 1993 on "Trends in Child Advocacy" at Boston and then in Seattle in 1994 she spoke on the hiring process with regard to religiously affiliated institutions. She was co-chair of the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Issues, a sub group of this SIS.

She has held positions with the No.Cal. Assn. Of Law Libraries as well, including Treasurer, and three committee assignments. And she can throw a great party!

Rebecca S. Trammell, candidate for Secretary/Treasurer:

"Our Social Responsibilities SIS is an essential part of the AALL. We prepare and distribute three significant and unique publications. The Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Institution Residents maintains a service through AALL headquarters

to answer prisoner inquiries by providing referral information to prisoners from one of these publications: *Directory: Law Libraries Providing Services to Prisoners*. As SIS secretary/treasurer I would be in a position to work closely with headquarters to monitor the financial transactions and accounting procedures associated with these publications and this prisoners' referral service. The accounting procedures used at headquarters have made it difficult for our SIS to determine the number of publications sold through headquarters, the allocations of the proceeds for these sales, and the charges made for the prisoners' referrals, which traditionally have been paid with the proceeds from these publication sales. We have also experienced accounting problems with the funds that are for the exclusive use and benefit of the Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues. I have an understanding of these problems and concerns, and as Social Responsibilities SIS secretary/treasurer, I would have both the authority and opportunity to address these issues."

Rebecca has been Associate Director and Head of Public Services at the Univ. of Nebraska--Lincoln for five years. She was Reference/Technical Services Librarian and then Access Services Librarian at Northern Illinois Univ. She has been active in the SR-SIS since she became a law librarian in 1988. She has served as SR-SIS chair, and is currently serving as chair of Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Institutionalized Persons. She has successfully developed several proposals for AALL annual Meetings and the SR-SIS on a joint committee with the ALA, the Amer. Corrections Assn. and the Correctional Educ. Assn., a joint committee charged with developing programs and efforts for state and federal prison and jail law libraries. She is President of the board of directors of the ACLU Nebraska affiliate, and is serving as Chair of the Chancellor's commission on the Status of Women at the Univ. of Nebraska--Lincoln.

William M. Walker, candidate for Vice-Chair/Chair elect:

Bill received his B.A. from Birmingham-Southern College in 1969. He earned his J.D. in 1972 for the Univ. of Tennessee College of Law. He practiced law with Genesco Inc. from 1972 to 1986. In 1987 George Peabody College at Vanderbilt awarded him an MLS. Since graduation from library school, Bill has worked as Documents/International Librarian at the Massey Law Library at Vanderbilt.

Bill has published several pieces, including one with Igor I. Kavass on Trade and Investment in Central and Eastern Europe (24 Vand. J. Transnat'l L. 395 (1995)), an article on the Uruguay Round in 22 Vand. J. Transnat'l L. 911 (1989) and a bibliography Kozusko and Schoenblum's volume on International Estate Planning.

Bill has spoken on "Treaty Research" at the AALL meeting in Boston, 1993. He moderated a program on electronic depositories for the 1990 meeting in Minneapolis, sponsored by the Government Documents SIS.

He is also active in the Southeastern Assn. of Law Libraries and has spoken on treaty research at their annual meeting at the Univ. of Alabama in 1991.

In addition to the Social Responsibilities SIS, Bill belongs to the Government Documents and Foreign, Comparative and International Law SISs as well.

Bruce Kleinschmidt, candidate for Vice-Chair/Chair elect:

"If elected, I will serve. If I am unsuccessful, I still intend to write long, overwrought editorials."

When I was nominated, I felt some sense of trepidation. I've either gotten a lot of name recognition by reviving the newsletter or bored a lot of people and drained off some of our dues in the process.

I have had good feelings about our section prior to attending library school. A friend in Texas had told me about the group and from enrollment in library school in 1991 until now, I'm glad I've been involved with this SIS. Working on an AALL committee (Cons. & Bylaws) and working for someone on the Education Committee, has helped me see that the presence of this SIS is very important if we want to be players. I want to continue that drive.

While I am proud of my library work and academic credentials, I would rather mention that I have practiced law for many years. Most of my work in recent years is pro bono for PWA's. I worked in Austin with the Capital Area AIDS Legal Project for three « years (my entire stay at UT). In Indianapolis, I became a volunteer attorney with the HIV/AIDS Legal Project as soon as my admission was processed. (I was first licensed in Kentucky in 1979. I was admitted in Texas in 1984 and in Indiana in 1995.) Thank you for your consideration.

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Membership

We are the second smallest Special Interest Section in AALL (Micrographics and Audiovisual is the smallest, and they almost disbanded within the last two years). While statistics show that SIS membership is one of the fastest growth areas within the Association (Automation and Academic each gained many new members last year), SR-SIS actually lost three members.

While it is not really a matter of numbers (indeed, the work we do and the policies we advocate are among the most important accomplishments of any AALL group), I wonder why more law librarians, who attend the business meetings and socials of the SR-SIS and its standing committees, don't join the SIS. I could speculate ad nauseam about various reasons for not joining, but I'm hoping it all comes down to lack of knowledge about the SIS.

The Social Responsibilities SIS offers many opportunities for involvement within AALL, and provides a platform for AALL members to voice concerns about how the Association interacts both within and outside the law library world. Joining the SIS also helps ensure that the rights and responsibilities of AALL Members are not ignored in the day-to-day operations of Association activities and library employment.

Membership costs just \$12 per year. I urge all SR-SIS members to ask colleagues and friends (especially those that attend SR-SIS standing committee events) to join, and bolster not only our numbers, but also our work within the Association.

Nominations Committee

I am pleased to announce that the members of the nominations committee (Jim Milles, Alison Alifano, and myself) have come up with an outstanding slate of nominees for the 1996-97 positions of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect (Bill Walker and Bruce Kleinschmidt) and Secretary/Treasurer (Donna Hughes-Oldenburg and Rebecca Trammel). Look for their statements and biographical information in this newsletter. The election will take place in March.

Proposed Bylaws Change

I am currently researching and will bring before the membership in July a proposed change in the SR-SIS Bylaws, which would alter the way we conduct our elections. Rather than utilize a separate ballot mailing, we would print our ballot in the Newsletter (as the Reader Services SIS currently does) and invite SR-SIS members to mail back the completed ballot, thus saving the SIS the cost of a separate mailing. The text of this proposed bylaw will appear in the May newsletter.

Receipt of Interest from Holoch Bequest

The SR-SIS account was recently credited with the first interest installment from the Alan Holoch bequest to the Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues. The payment of \$917.00 is being internally sequestered from other SR-SIS funds, pending a decision from the Standing Committee about how the funds are to be used. Please contact the Standing Committee Chair, Sharon O'Donoghue, if you have any questions.

Indianapolis Programs

Planning is well under way for SR-SIS Programs at the AALL Annual Meeting in Indianapolis. Education Chair (and Vice-Chair) Prano Amjadi has prepared an excellent slate of educational programs for the meeting. Business and social meetings have also been tentatively scheduled. They are: Social Responsibilities SIS Business Meeting, Sunday, July 21, from 1:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.; Social Responsibilities SIS Standing Committee on Lesbian & Gay Issues Business Meeting, Sunday, July 21, from 3:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.; Social Responsibilities SIS Standing Committee on Library Services to Institutional Residents, Sunday, July 21, from 4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.; and Social Responsibilities SIS Standing Committee on Lesbian & Gay Issues Reception, Tuesday, July 23, from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

SR-SIS Homepage

Look for the SR-SIS homepage, the first comprehensive homepage of any AALL SIS on AALLNET. The page was mounted in December 1995, as a way to promote the SR-SIS, and provide a means of communication to our members. The homepage joins our Listserv, which was introduced in November 1995. Look for the official announcement and URL elsewhere in this newsletter.

Demographic and Needs Assessment Survey

Finally, I urge you to complete and return this survey, which is being mailed from AALL Headquarters on March 4. The survey will be used in planning for AALL Activities through the beginning of the next century, and your responses from SR-SIS are crucial in determining the future of AALL, and shaping the structure and programs of our SIS. The survey should be mailed back to Headquarters by April 1.

New SR-SIS Homepage

The Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section is pleased to announce the mounting of the first comprehensive homepage for an AALL Special Interest Section...the Social Responsibilities SIS page! The page lists current officers and past chairs, provides links to related sites, includes details about the SR-SIS listserv, and prints the current newsletter. We plan to add other items of interest in the future,

including SIS history and lists of AALL resolutions sponsored by SR-SIS.

The URL is: <http://lawlib.wuacc.edu/sr-sis/srsishom.htm>.

Note: This page can be accessed through AALLNET
(URL:<http://lawlib.wuacc.edu/aallnet/aallnet.html>) by linking "Special Interest Sections".

Special thanks to Mark Folmsbee and Jie Su (Washburn University) for providing the site for the page.

Please let James E. Duggan, SR-SIS Chair, know if you have any questions or comments.

*Comments to: Rebecca Alexander
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