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### STAFF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS INSTALLED; COMMITTEES NAMED

Officers were installed by the ALA Headquarters Staff Association at its annual meeting on January 23, 1968, in the Staff Lounge.

Edward Johnson, Library Technology Project, is the new president. Other officers are: Ruth Bull, Booklist, Vice-President/President-Elect; Muriel Breitenbach, Public Relations, Secretary; Pat Montmarquette, Public Library Association and American Association of State Libraries, Treasurer; and C. Raymond Granberg, Data Processing, Past-President--ex-officio.

The officers appointed chairmen to three standing committees who, with the officers, form the Executive Committee and carry on the business of the Staff Association. The committees are: Information and Welfare; Social; and Headquarters Personnel.

Mrs. Blanche Potter, Office Services, is chairman of the Information and Welfare Committee. Chairmen of the subcommittees of this committee are: Staff Library, Patricia Rzepka, Executive Office; Convalescence and Condolence, Hattie Rodgers, Library Administration Division; Housekeeping and Supplies, Mrs. Dionne Cage, American Association of School Librarians; Vending Machines, Irene (continued on page 2.)

### ALA EXHIBITS BROCHURE VOTED 'BEST IN CLASS'

The National Association of Exhibit Managers, at their annual meeting in San Francisco, December 7 and 8, cited the 1967 ALA Conference Exhibits brochure best in the class of Health, Education, and Welfare Associations' exhibit and promotion material.

There were more than 200 entries, divided into five classes: 1) Electronic equipment and tools; 2) food, gifts, and services; 3) business and office machines, equipment, and supplies; 4) health, education, and welfare; 5) miscellaneous.

The award was a citation, "Best in Class," with the winning brochure mounted on a white board background suitable for framing, and a ribbon symbolic of "best" affixed to the lower left corner of the citation.

C. J. Hoy, conference manager, designs the layout for the brochure each year, selecting type and making the promotional material as attractive as possible to stimulate interest in our conference exhibits.

The winning cover was a color drawing of the city of San Francisco (site of (continued on page 2.)

STAFF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS  
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Scesnewicz, Office for Recruitment;  
Staff Bulletin Board, Mrs. Sandra Sfondouris,  
Library Technology Program; and Magazine  
Subscriptions, Celeste Lavelli, Head-  
quarters Library.

Mrs. Peggy Blasage, Membership Promotion,  
is chairman of the Social Committee.  
Chairman of Headquarters Personnel Com-  
mittee is to be appointed.

Membership in the Staff Association is open  
to both full-time and part-time employees  
for an annual dues charge of \$1.00.

The Constitution of the organization  
describes its purposes as follows:  
"...to promote staff welfare, to further  
social relationships among staff members,  
to provide an official channel for  
expressing staff opinion in relation to  
matters of salary, tenure, and working  
conditions and to act as a liaison body  
with the Headquarters Administrative  
Officers."

SHORT STORY PUBLISHED

James McCormick, husband of Edith  
McCormick, Knapp School Libraries Project,  
is the author of a short story, "Mr.  
Twohands Among the Rune Stones," which  
appears in New American Review #2. The  
paperback anthology of new writings by  
contemporary American authors, published  
by New American Library and sold for  
90 cents, succeeds the New World Writing  
series of paperbacks that came out in  
the fifties. A mention of Jim's story  
and his picture appeared in Hoke Norris'  
column in the Book Week section of the  
Feb. 18 Sun-Times.

CONDOLENCES

The ALA Staff Association extends sympathy  
to Hattie Rodgers, LAD, on the death of  
her sister.

ALA EXHIBITS BROCHURE  
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the conference) showing the bay and the  
massive bridges which connect the city  
to the mainland.

New Employees

Greenberg, Marilyn Research Asst. (Temp.)	OLE
Herbst, Amalia Clerk-Typist)	Headquarters Library
Heuman, Ruth Reviewer, Adult Books	Publishing, Booklist
Johnson, Imogene Secretary	Intellectual Freedom
Kies, Cosette Assistant Programs Coordinator	Deputy Executive Director
Knowles, Elmear Subscription Record Clerk	Membership & Subscription Records
Mendez, Neida File Clerk	Central Files
Moses, Henry Mail Clerk	Central Shipping
Muller, Margaret Professional Assistant	Office for Recruitment
Proulx, Thomas Shipping & Receiving Clerk	Publishing, Warehouse
Ratcliffe, Sherrie Publications Assistant	ALA Bulletin
Reed, Janice Clerk-Typist	Publishing, Booklist
Shields, Gerald R. Editor	ALA Bulletin
Shoua, Lucy Secretary (temporary)	AASL
Whipple, June Membership Record Clerk	Membership & Subscription Records

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Having heard from the treasurer and the three standing committees, I would like to report further on the activities of the Headquarters Staff Association during the past year.

In the spring the Merit Award Committee, Margaret Blankley, chairman, Elaine Mitchell, and Barbara Duree, prepared a slate of candidates from which you selected Ouida Hunter to receive the Headquarters Staff Association Merit Award. The report of her experiences at the San Francisco Conference appeared in the August issue of the Headquarters Reporter.

Chris Hoy again conducted a series of noon-hour film showings for the enjoyment of the staff. In addition, Don Culbertson showed slides of Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado, Forrest Carhart showed slides of his trip to Europe, Mrs. Esther Potts showed slides of Mexico and Scandinavian Countries, and Ouida Hunter showed her slides of the San Francisco Conference.

Mary Gaver, past president of ALA, borrowed Mrs. Hunter's slides, with a card file, which she showed to the students of Rutgers. Miss Gaver was most appreciative of Mrs. Hunter's help in numbering and identifying the slides and of the fine project enabling a staff member to attend the Conference.

The Crusade of Mercy campaign at ALA Headquarters was conducted by Ruth Bull. A total of \$1,889.98 was collected, representing 43 contributors from the staff.

Elaine Mitchell resigned after four years of fine service as editor of the Headquarters Reporter. Through this communication Bill Woulfe and now Pat Goldie as editor and reporters, Eileen Mahoney, Reva Moore, Nancy Knight, Jan Herr, Holly Campbell, Muriel Breitenbach, and Jacqueline Jackson have been able to keep you informed of the professional and personal activities of our fellow staff members.

During the Christmas season the staff had two decorated Christmas trees to enjoy, thanks to the efforts of Thomas Smith and his committee.

Peggy Blasage, chairman, with Frank Thomas and Ed Strable, took charge of collecting and delivery 565 paperbacks and a few hard cover books which the staff contributed to the Cook County Hospital at Christmas time.

The 1967 Executive Committee held a number of meetings during the year and countless small conference and telephone conversations to carry on the business of the Headquarters Staff Association and to give consideration to your suggestions and requests. We also went to the membership twice for decisions on separate issues. Three committee chairmen were appointed by the president to assist the Executive Committee.

Eileen Mahoney was appointed chairman of the Ways and Means Committee to study the Staff Association's current income and expenses, to recommend ways of supplementing our income, methods to award length of service, and to find a replacement for the collection boxes for departing employees.

Marjorie Weissman, at the request of Ed Johnson, was recently appointed to make a survey of the practices of other Associations in regard to paid time off for illness. Specifically, what implies illness, the employee, his family, doctor appointments, dentist appointments, etc.

Mrs. Margaret Blankley was appointed chairman of a Merit Reward Policy Review Committee. This committee is not prepared to submit its recommendations at this time.

These are newly appointed committees, and they have not finalized any reports. However, I urge that the next Executive Committee continue with them until they complete their mission.

This administration has been conservative in its spending in order to accumulate a treasury for future use of the Staff  
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Association, i.e., purposes already defined for the temporary committees, possibly a loan fund for students, contributions for charity, and possibly full support of the expenses incurred by our staff member merit award.

I would like to give my personal thanks to everyone who, in any way however small, gave time, thought, and energy to the affairs of the Headquarters Staff Association during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Raymond Granberg  
ALA Headquarters Staff  
Association

PROFILES...of new employees

AMALIA MAE HERBST, clerk typist in the Headquarters Library, was born in Santa Cruz, Calif., and moved to Chicago when in high school. She formerly worked at Le Petit Gourmet and Johnny Lattner's Steak House. Her hobbies include hiking, fishing, and bowling.

RUTH HEUMAN, adult books reviewer for the Booklist, has been a librarian with the Dayton and Montgomery County (Ohio) Public Library where she was with the Bookmobile system, then later at the main library. Later she was with the Hyattsville, Md. branch of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System. Miss Heuman, a graduate of Milwaukee Downer College and Western Reserve University, is originally from Jackson, Mich. She enjoys traveling. Her hobbies include art appreciation (pop, traditional, and poster art), and listening to folk music. Another interest is her blue Volkswagen, "Little-champ."

MRS. IMOGENE JOHNSON, secretary, Intellectual Freedom Office, is active in the urban renewal program of the Lincoln Park Area Conservation Program.

COSETTE KIES, assistant special programs coordinator, taught art in Wisconsin before becoming a librarian. She has exhibited some of her paintings. Miss Kies has master's degrees in art history and library science from the University of Wisconsin. Her hobbies include reading and movies. She also likes zoos--especially the bears. She has traveled in Israel and Eastern Europe where she attended scientific conferences as an observer.

MILLIE KNOWLES, clerk, Subscription Records, comes to ALA from Chicago-Midwest Credit Service. She likes chess and crossword puzzles.

MARGARET MULLER, assistant to the director, Office for Recruitment, is a recent graduate of the Rosary College Library School. She does some painting and also likes tennis and stamp collecting. She has traveled in Germany and Switzerland.

SHERRIE RATLIFFE, publications assistant in the Bulletin office, is originally from Middletown, Ohio. She was graduated in December from Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in journalism, news-editorial sequence.

JANICE REED, Booklist, has lived in Chicago since the age of six months. She is a graduate of Waller High School, where she was captain of the cheerleaders squad and Homecoming Queen finalist. She also was active in many school clubs and the student council as well as teaching swimming and gym to the lower classes. Her hobbies include swimming, skating, modern dancing, and gymnastics. Janice also likes to travel and meet new people.

GERALD SHIELDS, new editor of the ALA Bulletin, says that if you have to say things about yourself, the only recourse "is to be kind." He told us he likes to cartoon under the name JERRYBILT...watch old movies on TV... supervise his wife in her gardening (fantasy)...read stories to his daughter when he gets to pick the story...look at things...read magazines or newspapers while eating...try not to eat...to go shopping when there is a sale...and (continued on page 5)

## PROFILES...of new employees

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paint walls with the new latex paints.

MRS. MARY SIMONS, children's book reviewer, Booklist, is a native of northeastern Indiana, a graduate of Hope College, Holland, Mich., and took graduate work in education at the University of Chicago and in librarianship at the University of Washington. She formerly taught elementary and junior high school in Homewood and held positions as elementary and junior high librarian. Mary's hobbies include private flying, bicycling, and collecting prints and paintings.

MARY VAN CAMPEN, part-time clerical assistant, Office for Recruitment, is a student of Eureka College, Eureka, Ill. She was previously employed in the Delos F. Diggins Public Library, Harvard, Ill.

## CREDIT UNION NAMES COMMITTEES

Committees were appointed at a meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors of the ALA Credit Union on January 30.

Officers of the Credit Union are: LeRoy Gaertner, president; Robert Shaw, vice-president; Maureen Glennon, secretary; and Edith Krentz, treasurer.

The following committees were appointed:

CREDIT: Chris Hoy, chairman; Robert Shaw, Carl Swanson; alternates, LeRoy Gaertner, Maureen Glennon.

SUPERVISORY: Henry Cinabro, chairman; Shirley Arneson, Anna Elafros

MEMBERSHIP: Robert Shaw, chairman; Shirley Arneson, Carl Swanson

Members of the Credit Union may transact business with Miss Krentz from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Members wishing to apply for a loan should apply to Mr. Hoy.

## STAFF LOUNGE ETIQUETTE

Dionne Cage, chairman, Housekeeping and Supplies Committee of the Staff Association, has received reports that some of the staff are abusing the privilege of using the Staff Lounge kitchen. Food has been stored in the refrigerator for long periods of time and unmarked. Members are requested to put their names and the date on any food container put in the refrigerator. Food stored more than 48 hours will be thrown out. The refrigerator will be cleaned on Friday afternoon and any food left then will be discarded.

Anyone having difficulties with the vending machines (loss of money or return of more change than you are due, too) should report it to Irene Scesnewicz, Office for Recruitment, X-279. She will reimburse you for any money lost, and will gladly accept any extra funds from the machine.

## HEADS STAFF LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Edward Strable, executive secretary, ALTA, was elected chairman of the Staff Library Committee at its meeting on January 30.

Carl Swanson, manager, Office Services, who had filled an unexpired term, has been reappointed to the committee for a three-year term. Carol Erickson, publications assistant, ALA Bulletin, and Agnes Reagan, executive secretary, LED, have also been appointed for three year terms.

## ACTING LIBRARIAN

Celeste Lavelli, assistant headquarters librarian, has been named to serve as acting headquarters librarian until further notice.

### THIRD FLOOR 'HAPPENINGS'

Interesting things continue to happen on the third floor where most of the division offices are located.

The duties of executive secretary for the Adult Services Division, handled by Eleanor Phinney, and the Reference Services Division, handled by Edward Strable, have been transferred to Ruth White, former headquarters librarian.

Miss Phinney will continue her duties as executive secretary of the Association of Hospital and Institution Libraries, and Mr. Strable will continue as executive secretary of the American Association of Library Trustees.

Pat Rath, Mr. Strable's senior secretary, remains with ALTA, while Karen Ladien, junior secretary is now Miss White's junior secretary. Barbara Sicurella, former senior secretary for ASD/AHIL, has returned to ALA temporarily and is now working for AHIL.

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### ROMANTIC NEWS

JUDI HARMES, ISAD secretary, became engaged to Roland Mason on January 1. They will be married in September in Chicago.

PAT RZEPKA, Executive Office, received her engagement ring January 12, the night she returned from the ALA Midwinter Meeting. Her fiance is S/5 William Grelecki, who recently returned from one year in Vietnam and is stationed at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. They will be married August 10 and will live in Milwaukee where William will attend Marquette University.

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### FILMS SCHEDULED

The schedule of noontime film showings of the season is as follows:

- February 28: A slide film showing of pictures taken in Africa by Ruth White. About 30 minutes. Color.
- March 6: "Driving Sense." Improve your driving, no matter how good you are. Wives can even improve their husband's driving after seeing this movie because even if you don't drive, you'll be a better judge of those who do. Also a visit to an auto rodeo. 28 minutes, color.
- March 13: A slide film showing of pictures taken in Europe by Forrest Carhart. About 30 minutes, color.
- March 20: "To Catch a Rhino." An exciting account of how the scarce "white" rhinos are saved from extinction. Set in South Africa. Termed "excellent" by those who have seen it. 30 minutes, color.
- April 10: "Bavaria-Colorful Mosaic." The sparkling charm of Bavaria is captured in all its vivid contrasts. Renaissance architecture, gay costumes, magnificent churches, and incredible scenery. 20 minutes, color.
- April 24: "A Simple Cup of Tea." A picture about the work of an agricultural adviser working in East Pakistan for the Agency for International Development of our state department. Follow him through 14-hour days over the countryside by jeep, foot, and country boat. A warm, revealing documentary film. 28 minutes, black and white.

## ROMANTIC NEWS

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Lois Nagy, daughter of MRS. ELEANOR NAGY, LTP, was married to Terry Tadin, February 6. Lois attends the University of Illinois and her husband is a student of Chicago Teachers College North.

## DEPARTURES

CELESTA GREENBERG, ORD, has left for Nome, Alaska, where she will be a bookkeeper in a restaurant.

PAT NORWOOD, ACRL, is leaving February 23 to work as a secretary in the Personnel Department of the University of Chicago.

MRS. PATRICIA POTERACKI, Subscription Records, left February 15. She is expecting a baby in the summer. The Fiscal Department honored her with a luncheon in the Kon Tiki Room of the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel February 15.

ALPHONSE F. TREZZA, JR., Mailroom, enlisted in the Air Force and is currently in basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

## POTPOURRI

MRS. ADELINE EDAHL, Library, became a grandmother January 7 when her daughter Pamela, gave birth to a daughter, Cindy Marie Kuzma.

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Welcome back to Henry Moses, Central Mailing, who recently completed his tour of duty with the U. S. Army.

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The Knapp School Libraries Project ends on February 29. On that date, project members will treat the ALA staff to coffee in the lounge.

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Marilyn Marquardt Luiken, who formerly worked in LAD, visited friends at

headquarters on February 17. She is still living in Cedar Falls, Iowa, but expects to move to Dallas Texas, where her husband will continue his education.

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The new baby of Lourrie (formerly of Executive Office) and Allan Podolak was christened Judith Marie, February 4, at St. Michael's Church. Godparents were Maureen Glennon (LED) and Walter Podolak.

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Edward Strable and Pat Rath, ALTA, would like to thank KAREN LADIEN sincerely for the 18 months of steady and conscientious work she has given the RSD/ALTA office. All good wishes go with her to her new position in the ASD/RSD office.

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Nick Ardell, Publishing, became a great-uncle for the 14th time when his niece, Mrs. James D'Ambrosio, gave birth to a baby boy recently. The previous month, another niece, Mrs. Andrew Larson, gave birth to a girl.

## VISITS ARMY LIBRARIES

Alphonse F. Trezza, associate executive director, spent an interesting vacation visiting U. S. Army libraries in southern Germany.

He was part of a library survey team which visited the libraries and conferred with personnel for the purpose of recommending improvements in the army's library program in Europe. Mr. Trezza was invited by the army to take part in the project. Other members of the team were Dr. Herbert Goldhor, director of the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science; and Agnes Crawford, director of the Army Library Program, U. S. Department of the Army, Washington, D. C.

Ideas and suggestions given by the team reflected both ALA and Army standards.

## FLIGHT CANCELLED

The Illinois Library Association's charter flight to Europe, scheduled for April 8 - May 3, has been cancelled.

Plans are now being made for a charter flight for the summer of 1969. Begin to make your plans now.