

# **LAUC'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY**

**Celebrating  
twenty-five years of  
the Librarians  
Association of the  
University of  
California,  
1967-1992**

## LAUC'S Twentieth Anniversary



Fourteen LAUC Presidents gathered at UC Berkeley to celebrate  
the Twentieth Anniversary of LAUC.

Standing: Kate Mawdsley, Vernon Lust, Beverly Toy, Judy Ganson,  
Jane Kimball, Camille Wanat, Nancy Koller, Jack Leicester.  
Seated: Susan Starr, Allan Dyson, Marion Taylor, Bob Bellanti, Eldred Smith, Beverlee French.

## Presidents of the Librarians Association of the University of California

Eldred Smith, Berkeley  
1968

Jack Leister, Berkeley  
1980/81

Vernon Lust, Davis  
1969

Judy Ganson, Riverside  
1981/82

Robert French Lewis, San Diego  
1970

Jane Kimball, Davis  
1982/83

Johanna E. Tallman, Los Angeles  
1971

Marion Taylor, Santa Cruz  
1983/84

Michael MacInnes, Irvine  
1972

Beverlee French, San Diego  
1984/85

Ted Gould, Davis  
1972/73

Bob Bellanti, Los Angeles  
1985/86

Faith Meakin, San Diego  
1974

Camille Wanat, Berkeley  
1986/87

Norah E. Jones, Los Angeles  
1975

Nancy Koller, Riverside  
1987/88

Allan Dyson, Berkeley  
1976

Susan Starr, San Diego  
1988/89

Beverly Toy, Irvine  
1977

Judy Horn, Irvine  
1989/90

Katherine Mawdsley, Davis  
1977/78

Sylvia Curtis, Santa Barbara  
1990/91

Virginia Sherwood, San Diego  
1978/79

Ellen Meltzer, Berkeley  
1991/92

Joyce S. Toscan, Los Angeles  
1979/80

Alan Ritch, Santa Cruz  
1992/93



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Dear [personal copies sent to each of the above]

The Librarians Association of the University of California is celebrating its Silver Anniversary!

To honor twenty-five years of LAUC, we are having a dim sum feast at the Yank Sing restaurant, 427 Battery, San Francisco on December 4, 1992, at 6:00 p.m., immediately after the Fall Assembly. We should be delighted if you, as a former President, could join us, although since this is a fiscally difficult year for the State, the University, and LAUC itself, the banquet will be a no-host affair. We expect the price per person to be about \$25, an appropriate number, we trust not too high!

Whether or not you will be able to come to the banquet, we hope that you will be able to contribute to a keepsake we shall be compiling for the occasion. Please send me two photographs, one from roughly the time you served as President, and a recent one. Also, please send me a very short statement (25 words for 25 years!), as whimsical or sentimental as you wish, on what LAUC meant or means to you. We'll assemble the photographs and text as an album for the archives and send you a copy of all the texts as a reward for your contribution.

Do let me know as soon as possible by phone, certainly by October 30, whether you can come to the party and that you can contribute to the album. I'll need your contribution by November 16th.

In any case, as the busy current President, let me thank you for all your splendid work for LAUC. I am very proud to follow in your footsteps.

Sincerely,

Alan Ritch  
LAUC President  
phone: 408/459-4482

cc: Executive Board

## Introduction.

My most pleasant responsibility as LAUC's President in the Association's twenty-fifth year is to devise a suitable memento to mark our Silver Anniversary. A formal history of LAUC is already in preparation, under the tireless direction of Judy Horn, but here is something less weighty and more intimate to accompany the celebration itself. I have tried to contact all surviving LAUC Presidents to invite their contributions to this album.

More than half have responded with pictures or text or both. The rest presumably were too modest to show the effects of time on their faces or on their memories of LAUC. My request that messages be limited to 25 words for 25 years was bravely attempted by some, usually at some sacrifice to syntax and clarity! Others showed a fine disregard to my absurd parsimony, pressing the limits of 25 *lines* of verse or prose. Having penned a terse acrostic myself, I was delighted to receive another in a friendly little package from Norah Jones, a pioneer of the first decade.

You will be impressed, as I was, by the range of commentary. Some provide sharply detailed incidents and issues from their terms: the Salmon Report; the arrival of collective bargaining; the rapid shifts of opinion which swirled around the retirement of President Gardner. Others have written more subjective meditations on LAUC'S importance to them personally and professionally.

I have arranged the pictures and text in chronological order of service. By a happy coincidence this has clustered three AUL's, Kate Mawdsley and the two Trojans, Joyce Toscan and Judy Ganson, into a consecutive series, which reminds us, along with the presence of Lan Dyson and Beverlee French, that the LAUC Presidency can serve as a useful prelude to library administration.

I hoped that parallel pictures, old and new, would serve to indicate the passage of time. Most seem to contradict that intention. Some later pictures show features more youthful than those taken years before. This prompts me to the optimistic assumption that leading LAUC is an energizing and rejuvenating experience, a hope which the buoyant comments and my own brief tenure both confirm.

Thanks again to all my predecessors. That so many of you evidently feel that yours was the most challenging and pivotal term in our history is understandable. Leading a large and complex organization forces us to confront the problems of all UC librarians in a very personal way. Certainly it has already given me a closer kinship with all of them, and with all of you. I am honored to be able to join and to commemorate this eminent series.

Alan Ritch  
December, 1992

## Johanna Tallman, 1971



Johanna Tallman, early 1970's

Do not give up the rights and professional status LAUC won to advise the University Administration directly on matters of concern to libraries and librarians!



Johanna Tallman 1991



Norah Jones, 1975

## Norah Jones, 1975

What does LAUC mean for me?

Librarians from all nine campuses  
Advising university administration  
on library policy  
United in representing the  
Conscience of our profession



Norah Jones, 1992

Allan J. Dyson, 1976



Lan  
Dyson  
late  
1970's

Lan Dyson and daughter Brenna 1992

LAUC represents  
our professional  
best/worst--  
broad-minded,  
provincial;  
thoughtfully  
critical,  
frustratingly  
quibbly.  
Long live LAUC  
and librarians--  
"keepers of  
the records of  
the human spirit."



# Beverly Toy, 1976-1977

Beverly  
Toy  
in the 70's



Beverly  
Toy  
(recent)



## LAUC --CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND IRRESOLUTION

Author's Note: This *does* scan.

OCLC v. BALLOTS debate was the first;  
Which system was best? Which one clearly the worst?  
We measured and clocked and we argued all day.  
OCLC won out -- and so did L.A.

Six drafts of UC's Master Plan we did read;  
The binding was **Salmon**--quite fishy, agreed?  
We ate out our hearts with revisions galore  
Which went mostly unnoticed--who cares anymore?

Next uniform catalog rules we did try,  
But Berkeley said no--left us hung out to dry.  
The flagship had subtleties too fine to share;  
No wonder their catalog efforts were rare.

LAUC members should teach in their very own right,  
But Davis librarians feared that they *might*!  
"Next thing they'll be making us get Ph.D.'s,  
And publish or perish! No thanks, if you please!"

We should brief-list all books for the regional stores.  
Santa Barbara said no--they were junk, nothing more.  
San Diego said they were not playing at all.  
No storage for them--to suggest it was gall.

On episodes such as these do I reflect  
When I recollect LAUC--but I must not neglect  
To include peer review in the things we *did* get.  
It is central to all -- I'm convinced of that yet!

Beverly Toy  
November, 1992

LAUC President - 1976  
U. C. Irvine

## Kate Mawdsley, 1977-1978



Kate Mawdsley with  
Carl LaBarre, then Superintendent of Documents,  
U.S. Government Printing Office,  
at a reception during a meeting of the  
Depository Library Council,  
1978

LAUC evokes great memories of active, pioneering collaboration with dedicated colleagues throughout UC to inform ourselves and advise library, campus and University administrations about appropriate roles for the University's librarians. Working intensely with a strong common purpose was enormously satisfying. LAUC has been good for us, personally and professionally, and it's been good for the users of our libraries.



Kate Mawdsley 1992

## LAUC at USC

Editor's note: Two of the current Assistant University Librarians at USC served as LAUC Presidents. Because of their rank and separation from UC they obviously felt at liberty to exceed the strict word limit!

### Joyce Toscan, 1979-1980

I joined the UC System as a Librarian II back in 1970 when LAUC was first experiencing the heady sensation of attempting to become a force within the Library. The normal battles - faculty status, will the administration really let us do anything, stipends for administrators, criteria for peer review, confidentiality, professionalism, etc. were in full swing and were absolute meat and drink to a person who thoroughly enjoyed a good academic battle. When I was President many of the same issues were being discussed with as much passion as they had been 10 years earlier, but I was in the position of having to be impartial and allowing all sides to make their cases - this is where I really learned about LOCAL OPTION. Meeting the University Librarians and finding out what REALLY went on in Library Council, philosophical discussions with the AVP for Personnel, worrying about collective bargaining, feeling the weight of all 600+ librarians' expectations on my shoulders, the Hinckley Letter, the exhilaration of a good Assembly, the final satisfaction of having nine campuses agree on something, and the firm belief that I was extremely lucky to be working with the very best librarians - all good memories. I send my best wishes and hope that future Presidents have as much fun as I did.

### Judy Ganson, 1981-1982

Arriving at UC in 1973, I missed LAUC's Revolutionary period and was part of its Evolutionary period. LAUC was important to me because it allowed participation in issues that directly effected my working environment, particularly at the campus level. LAUC also let me meet many talented and intelligent librarians in the University, especially during the the two years I served as a State-wide officer. LAUC was a group of peers committed to improving the quality of the University's libraries--services, staff, collections --with energy, intelligence, and not infrequently laughter, and I remember the laughter as much as anything else. The year I served as President was an education for me, but it was also enjoyable, and I will always appreciate the fact that my peers let me have that much fun. On the occasion of LAUC'S 25th anniversary, I congratulate all of us for our contributions; it was, after all, the membership who made LAUC viable and important.

## Jane Kimball, 1982-1983

### A VOICE AND A NETWORK...

This is what we wanted when we met in that red-curtained room at the California Library Association Conference in 1967.

Oh, the agonies of that first year...what were we to be; what were we to call ourselves? Finally, we settled and were comfortable with ourselves as an organization.

Now on our silver anniversary, we can be proud of the many accomplishments behind us and of our success in establishing a strong role for librarians in the formulation of major library plans and policies for the University of California's libraries.

To those of you who carry on this proud tradition...A toast to the future and to your courage and ability to meet the new challenges and opportunities that await us!



Jane Kimball 1983



LAUC is the CEMENT  
which has bonded us  
in a common purpose.

We who have served  
pass the torch  
to those who come after us

A toast to you with our confidence  
in your ability to deal with the challenges  
our difficult times present!

A toast to LAUC'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY!

Jane  
Kimball  
1992

## Marion Taylor, 1983-1984



Marion Taylor (recent)

My term as LAUC President began the month after librarians voted for collective bargaining which many said would make LAUC stronger than ever. It's turned out to be true!

What I remember most is drafting resolutions the evening before the Los Angeles Assembly and the balancing act at that meeting on the controversial topic of Davis and the Regional Library Facilities. Also the Senate Library Committee Chair who was almost a member of LAUC that year, Bernice Wenzel who told colleagues that LAUC was like the United Nations with its divisional signs.

## Beverlee French, 1984-1985



Beverlee  
French  
1985

Nineteen eighty-four/eighty-five were interesting times for LAUC as we learned to coexist with collective bargaining. So exciting were they, that 1985 was the only year in which I forgot to pay my property tax on time. But, for the opportunity to work intensely with such committed and energetic colleagues, I wouldn't have traded it for any other term.



Beverlee French  
with Keshav Pandurangi,  
UC Davis  
Information Technician  
1992

## Bob Bellanti, 1985-1986

I salute LAUC on its twenty-fifth anniversary. LAUC has played a vital role within the University, establishing a voice for all librarians on issues of professional concern.

I am proud to have had a direct role in LAUC's affairs and governance and I wish LAUC well in its next twenty-five years.



Bob Bellanti  
1980's

## Camille Wanat, 1986-1987



LAUC, to me, means challenge: it has always struck me as providing a unique and wonderful framework within which UC librarians can find challenge, both collegial and institutional. The opportunity to interact with colleagues on all campuses and with the UC governance structure, helping to shape library services as well as our professional environment, invigorates us all.

Camille Wanat  
1987

## Nancy Koller, 1987-1988

LAUC is unique - it provides a forum for all librarians in ways a library hierarchy never does. At its best, LAUC is an exceptionally effective advisory body. Being an active member can provide gratification and results.



Nancy Koller, 1992



Nancy Koller, 1988,  
with Russell Shank  
and Claire Bellanti  
at the new Southern  
Regional Library Facility



## Susan Starr, 1988-1989



Susan Starr 1987

To me, LAUC represents the finest qualities of UC Librarians. It is a group of volunteers who give their time to sometimes seemingly endless tasks in the hopes of improving library service to the faculty, staff, and students of the University of California. It is representative of our dedication to enhancing access to information by our many and diverse users.



Susan Starr 1992

## Judy Horn, 1989-1990



Judy Horn 1989

What LAUC means to me  
In twenty-five words or less  
To celebrate this anniversary  
Is a challenge to address.

I've never known a UC without LAUC  
And I hope I never do  
To have contributed to LAUC, I am proud  
For all of us it is a bonding glue.

I have now exceeded the word limit  
I'm closer to fifty than twenty-five  
So, the extra words, I'll submit  
Toward LAUC's success during the next years, twenty-five.

Judy Horn 1992



## Ellen Meltzer, 1991-1992



Ellen  
Meltzer  
and sons,  
John and  
Andrew  
escaping  
from  
LAUC's  
challenges  
in Arches  
National  
Monument,  
1992

President Gardner, LAUC praises you, full of integrity, retiring early;

Librarians in governance, sharing resources;  
Librarians, stipends --NOT!  
Diversity, diversity, diversity;

Gardner, LAUC censures you!

## Alan Ritch, 1992-1993

Let there be LAUC, said President Hitch.  
And LAUC's survived from Smith to Ritch.  
Uniting librarians, leaders and line,  
Combining collections, one library from nine.

Alan Ritch and son Devon  
UCB Class of '95.  
Devon is 5 years younger than LAUC.

