

Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

Where does the summer go? I don't know about you but I start the summer with a list of things I want to accomplish before classes start here at the college. Unfortunately, September arrives and most of the things are still on my "to do" list. This is not true for the Catholic Library Association. The Leadership Institute was well attended with representation from many of our chapters, sections and committees. The attendees did not know what was in store for them but they came ready and willing to work. And work we did! We really got a great deal accomplished towards a plan that will culminate with the celebration of the 90th anniversary of the Catholic Library Association in 2011. This group also devised doable goals for this year for the board, the various committees and myself. I left Belleville very excited about all our progress and grateful to these people who have stepped forward to help with the plan and vision for CLA. As members attend their chapter meetings or come to convention, the attendees of Leadership will share with you the goals and also seek out your help to carry them through and consider future opportunities for CLA.

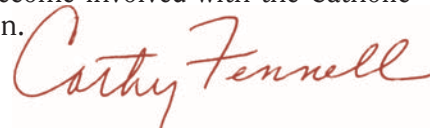
Recently, CLA received the good news that we were approved for affiliate membership to the American Library Association. What this means for our members is that we will be able to host a meeting or session at the ALA conventions in an area provided by ALA; we will be able to publicize CLA at a designated booth in the vendors' area during the ALA conventions; and ALA will now publicize our convention and workshops in their publications. This affiliation is an affirmation of CLA as a professional organization and it will inform more librarians of who we are and how we can assist them. Hopefully, they, in turn will realize, that we are the organization they need to join and be active participants. Growing our membership was a goal that kept recurring at the Leadership Institute and this affiliation is a first step in achieving that aspiration. So mark your calendars for January 11 through 16, 2009 for ALA Midwinter in Philadelphia, PA. I'll be there as it is my hometown, and I hope some of you will also attend the CLA session.

Thanks to the hard work of Lanore Spearing, Past Chair of the Children's Section, a scholarship has been established in memory of Sister Sally Daly, SSJ by the Junior Library Guild. This scholarship is available to first time children's or elementary school librarians to attend the CLA convention or to children's or elementary school librarians to attend the CLA convention for the first time. The scholarship is for \$1500 and will cover all expenses. For

more information and how to apply, keep watching the CLA website, www.cathla.org and check out the "News Notes" in this issue of the **Catholic Library World**. Along the same line, there will be available small continuing education grants to help members attend the CLA conventions. These funds come from the raffle quilt ticket sales, the silent auction at convention and other fundraisers. These continuing education grants will be for \$200. These funds can be requested by any member of CLA to help defray the cost of attending our convention. Again, keep watching the website and reading **CLW** for application information.

As my "to do" list keeps growing there is one "to do" I am seeking to accomplish and that is to attend at least one meeting of each chapter of CLA during my two years. The first meeting I will be attending will be my own Chapter meeting, the Neumann Chapter. Next, I'm off to visit the Wisconsin Chapter on Oct. 12, 2007 and in the spring, I will attend the St. Louis Chapter meeting. That leaves lots of open days for me, so, please let me know when your chapter is meeting so I can get it on my calendar. In the past, chapters have said that they have had no connection to the national organization so let me correct this and allow me to attend one of your meetings. I'd be happy to attend any meetings held by any group of Catholic librarians; just send me the date and time and I'll try my best to be there to support you and CLA.

A couple more "to dos": continue to send me your recipes. We have changed the due date for recipes to November 1 and if you are making a quilt square, that is needed now so the top can be put together to "go on the road" with me as I travel to meet the CLA members. Thanks to all for giving of yourselves to these two endeavors. Watch the website for more opportunities to become involved with the Catholic Library Association.



Editors' Note

Please note the following corrections to the "Letter from the President" in the June issue of CLW (Vol. 77, no. 4). The third paragraph should read "As a CLA member there are many opportunities for you such as attending the Archives Workshop in Malvern, PA in the fall, sending in a recipe for the new edition of the CLA recipe book, making a quilt square, volunteering to review books for Catholic Library World, attending convention, participating in a local chapter meeting, and sharing your experiences as a librarian." Also please delete the "errant web site" that crept into the text. Our sincere regrets and apology for these errors.