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President's Column

Best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous 2002!

It's hard to believe that we are beyond the mid point of this biennium. Our 2002 biennial conference, which will be held jointly with the South Carolina Library Association, will be held in less than ten months!

Planning is now underway with our South Carolina colleagues for what promises to be one of our best conferences yet. Historic Charleston, South Carolina is the perfect venue for this exciting first joint meeting of these two organizations. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join us in Charleston October 24-26, 2002.

I am pleased to announce the availability of the Ginny Frankenthaler Memorial Scholarship in Library Science, which is made possible through the generosity of the Frankenthaler Memorial Fund. During the past few months, I have had the pleasure of working with Bud and Barbara Frankenthaler to establish this \$2000 scholarship, which will be awarded annually. The purpose of the scholarship is to recruit beginning professional librarians who possess potential for leadership and commitment to service in libraries in the Southeastern United States. Betty Paulk, chair, and members of the Continuing Education & Professional Development Committee drafted the guidelines and application for the scholarship. Details concerning the scholarship are to be found elsewhere in this issue. In 2002, two scholarships will be awarded and then beginning in 2003, one scholarship will be awarded each year. I would like to thank the Frankenthalers for making available this wonderful opportunity.

Be sure to check the SELA Website for up to date information on the SCLA/SELA Conference. Information and an application for the Frankenthaler Scholarship are found there as well.

Traditionally, SELA has held a leadership workshop with the presidents of the member state library associations during the spring of the conference year. However, this year, the state of the economy has forced us to reconsider whether or not the workshop should be held. Taking into consideration severe travel budget reductions at many libraries, and to make it possible for more members to attend this year, we have decided to hold this year's workshop as part of the SCLA/SELA Conference in Charleston. Yet another reason for you to plan to attend. Additional information will be available soon.

-Barry B. Baker