

President's Message



One of only small number of groups of its kind in the state, LAB brings librarians of all types together to share and grow. To further this diversity and cohesiveness, members of our lesser-represented factions are strongly encouraged to come forth next year when it's time for executive board elections. This will ensure that LAB's programming is pertinent to everyone.

Our most recent event, the spring general meeting was surprisingly lively and fun! Michael Boonstra, an expert in genealogy with the Brevard County Library System, had us in stitches throughout his presentation. Many thanks to Michael and to all who turned out to vote.

The upcoming banquet promises to be a fun evening, too. We are most fortunate to welcome Ben Brotemarkle, whose name you will recognize if you listen to NPR. Reports are that he is quite charming and that the food at Chowders is excellent, so come on out on Saturday, June 19th, to enjoy the camaraderie that makes our organization so special.

Suzy Jones
LAB President

Annual Banquet

Saturday, June 19th
5:00- 8:00 PM

at

Chowders Seafood Grill
6485 US Highway 1
Rockledge, FL 32955
(321) 757-7200

Located on the Indian River two miles north of Pineda Causeway.

Arrive early to soak up the ambiance on the open-air deck overlooking the River!

Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner and special guest speaker,

Dr. Benjamin D. Brotemarkle.

- ◆ Professor of Humanities at Brevard Community College.
- ◆ Award-winning author of such books as *Images of America: Titusville and Mims, Florida*
- ◆ Performer with the Orlando Opera Company
- ◆ Award-winning producer and host for public radio and television.

A reservation form is enclosed.



Notable News



At the general meeting in March, LAB members elected 2004/2005 officers as follows:

VP/President Elect:
Linda Khan, Florida Tech

Secretary:
Elanya Bairefoot, Eau Gallie PL

Treasurer:
Gwen Birck, Cocoa Beach PL

Suggested changes to the bylaws were approved by nearly unanimous votes. Article IV, Sect. 4 now specifies three as the maximum number of consecutive terms for elective officers. Article V, Sect. 2 now requires a professional workshop or roundtable each year.

Looking Ahead...

Preliminary plans are underway for the fall professional workshop to be held in late September or early October at either the Eau Gallie or Melbourne Public Library. The topic planned for this half-day workshop is how to communicate clearly and effectively.

Contact members of the LAB Executive Board with your ideas, requests, comments or concerns at www.lib.fit.edu/lab.