

# Social Responsibilities Round Table Newsletter ALA/

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To: SRRT Members

From: Linda Pierce, SRRT Coordinator

Accompanied by heated debate on a number of issues, the Midwinter meeting accomplished a great deal and some important decisions regarding dues and the Newsletter were made.

One of my major objectives of the conference was to delay the proposed plan by the Committee on Program Evaluation and Support (COPEs) to increase the amount charged round tables for overhead. The proposal would have increased our cost from 5% of our dues to 13% of our expenditures. At the COPEs meeting, the proposal was discussed and without much opposition or resistance, dropped. The fact that a coalition of round table chairs had met earlier in the day to prepare strategy for the meeting was a key factor in the defeat of the proposal. As a result of the meeting of round table chairs, it was decided that the leadership of the round tables would meet during each conference to share information, news and mutual concerns.

As usual, the SRRT budget was under discussion at Action Council meetings. As it currently stands, after this fiscal year (1983/84), the SRRT budget will be at zero. We have budgeted approximately \$8000 for the 1984/85 fiscal year. This means that we will have to receive that

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As outgoing editor of the SRRT Newsletter, I want to thank the editorial board for their support, especially Linda Pierce, who was always there with aid and comfort when I needed help; Sandy Berzman for his continued interest and concern for SRRT and the Newsletter; Dave Vespa, who pitched in at the last moment; John Hostage for taking over; and everyone who contributed to and read the Newsletter during the past two years. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to edit the SRRT Newsletter and I have learned a great deal from the experience - more in fact, than I had anticipated.

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much money in dues to cover our expenses. In order to get that much money and have an adequate operating budget, the decision was made by Action Council to ask members to support a dues increase from \$5 to \$10. This increase would take effect in 1985, but will be voted on this spring. On the front page of this issue of the Newsletter, there is a ballot for you to mail in so that you may vote on the dues increase. Action Council realizes that a dues increase is never welcome but we do feel it is a request that is reasonable and necessary. Please take the time to send in your vote-.

As we have in the past, SRRT sponsored a candidates forum and invited the candidates for ALA President and Treasurer to address some of the social and political issues facing ALA. It was an informative meeting and one which made some decisions harder and some easier. The issue of who Action Council should endorse for ALA President and Treasurer generated much discussion and debate. It can only be hoped that the next time two strong SRRT supporters run for ALA office they won't run against each other.

Various task forces sponsored Council resolutions on topics ranging from the freeze to freedom of information and ALA dues. It was also interesting to note that during a Council meeting, a Councilor moved to not discuss any social issue resolutions but to consider them in the same manner as tributes. E.J. Josey and others then spoke out on the

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CIVIL RIGHTS TASK FORCE

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Coretta Scott King will receive a special citation for her book, The Words of Martin Luther King, Jr. (Newmarket), selected quotations from the life of her husband which illustrate his philosophy of non-violence and justice for all. This marks the first time a special citation has been given.

The awards will be given to Lucille Clifton, Pat Cummings and Coretta Scott King at the Annual Awards Breakfast on Tuesday, June 26th at 7:30 A.M. in Dallas, Texas during the 1984 ALA conference .

Cited for Honorable Mention are:  
Virginia Hamilton, The Magical Adventures of Pretty Pearl (Harper); James Haskins, Lena Horne (Coward); Mildred Pitts Walter, Because We Are (Lothrop); Joyce Carol Thomas, Bright Shadow (Avon).

Lucille Thomas

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The Task Force had two lightly attended sessions at Midwinter, but much was accomplished. Several new members helped fill the gap left by active members who were not able to attend.

Detailed planning is going forward for the two program sessions scheduled for the Dallas conference in June. Billie Connor has done some excellent planning for a session on "Libraries, Unions, and Political Action," to be held Saturday, June 23rd, 8-10 P.M. Further organization is being done by Mary Rosenthal, a new Task Force member from St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. Speakers include the President of the Dallas Chapter of the Coalition of Labor Union Women, an official of the local AFL-CIO and a member of the politically active Los Angeles Public Library union. The Staff Organizations Round Table (SORT) will co-sponsor this program.

Mary is also working to schedule an informal social gathering (with food) from 6-8 P.M., preceding the Saturday meeting. Any help in planning would be welcomed,

particularly from anyone in the Dallas area.

Our second program will be held on Tues., June 26th, 9:30-11 A.M., on the topic, "Managing VDTs for Employee Well-being." Speakers will be: Louis Tijerina, who prepared a pamphlet, "Optimizing the VDT Work Station," for OCLC; Bruce Miller from the University of Texas, who was involved in a LITA study on the health effects of





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#### Resources

Sane World, A Newsletter of Action on Disarmament and the Peace Race, from the nationally active peace organization SANE, in its January 1984 issue recommends highly the following items:

Defense Sense: The Search for a Rational Military Policy, by Congressman Ronald Dellums, R. H. Miller and H. Lee Halterman. Ballinger Publishing Co., 1983, 323 pages, \$8\*95. From hearings organized by Dellums to focus on questions of arms and national security, never asked in the official Armed Services Committee hearings.

World Military and Social Expenditures 1983, by Ruth Leger Sivard, 46 pages, \$4, available from SANE, 711 G St. S.E. Washington D.C. 20003. Authoritative statistics by the former chief economist for the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament

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INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS TASK FORCE

The IHR TF and the ALTERNATIVES-IN-PRINT TASK FORCE plan to co-sponsor a program at the Annual Meeting in Dallas on the New International Information Order (NIIO).

In light of the planned withdrawal of U.S. membership in UNESCO, wider discussion and knowledge of issues of the NIIO are critical. Interested librarians are requested to contribute citations of useful articles, documents and studies