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FROM THE EXECUTIVE OF VALL

Susan Crysler

Once again we have arrived at that time of year when we think the ringing and jingling of bells might be something other than the CD player reacting negatively to inappropriate keystrokes. The festive season is upon us and I am certain that VALL members are looking hopefully to a month with some socializing after what has seemed like a very intense fall season in our workplace.

The programmes for the past three months have offered a mix of informative and social meetings. The speaker for the September meeting was **David Hill**, Director of Technology at Davis & Co. His presentation about "Professional liability for failure to use computers in legal research" was both interesting and informative, leading to a discussion about the partnership between librarians, lawyers and computer systems people. In October, **WESTPac** (Western-Pacific section of AALL) held its Conference in Vancouver. VALL members - **Anne Beresford**, **Joan Bilsland**, **Sam Manchur** and **Eve Porter** - had been on a local Committee to organise events for the Conference and to coordinate VALL's participation in the Conference. Some VALL members were able to attend the entire conference while others took the opportunity to join the conference for specific events such as the opening reception or the (highly successful) Dutch treat dinners. The Conference was an overall success, with Vancouver showing some lovely weather and the presentations being well-received. The two speakers at the November meeting each presented a different aspect of billing on-line searches. **Lisa Peters** spoke about the treatment of on-line research in the assessment of bills of cost and, in particular, what research librarians can do to help recover research costs. **Joe Schmidt**, from QL, talked about QL flat fee pricing - why, how, changes in, and client response to the practice. The speaker for the December meeting will be **Anne Drennan**, the spokesperson for the Vancouver Police Force and a person we see and hear from almost daily in the media. I am certain she will present us a fascinating view of the way that part of our community works.

The November meeting is our annual tribute to **Peter Bark**, a very active and much-loved member of VALL who died six years ago. Each year the **Peter Bark Bursary** is given in the spring to a member for the purpose of assisting in professional development or continuing education. We are pleased that the Fund has now reached our original goal of \$10,000.00 and continue to hope for further growth.

On behalf of the Executive of VALL I sent a letter to **Doug Steele** at the Queen's Printer, lamenting the state of currency of the consolidated B.C. Statutes. Mr. Steel responded that there will be no consolidation of the B.C. Statutes until at least April of 1997. The Queen's Printer is offering disks of the Annual Statutes. I encourage all concerned members to write letters expressing dissatisfaction with this solution.

The Executive wishes you all a happy and healthy festive season.

FROM THE EDITORS *Maureen Fauman and Anna Holeton*

There are so many daily developments in our profession affecting each of us. Being able to communicate news of these developments is the mandate of the **VALL REVIEW**. The success of the REVIEW reflects your contributions and thus we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the wealth of information you have shared with us over the past months.

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Keep up the good work - we look forward to your submissions in the New Year.

We wish everyone good cheer and good fortune during the holidays and 1997.

LIBRARY NEWS

BC COURTHOUSE LIBRARY SOCIETY

Electronic Income Tax Act and Regulations

The Vancouver Courthouse Library has added the federal *Income Tax Act and Regulations* to its collection of electronic products. As well as the Act and Regulations, this database includes application rules and draft legislation. There are links between the components of the database so that when you are looking up a section of the Act you can easily view the historical version of the section or related provisions, for example.

The electronic *Income Tax Act and Regulations* is a welcome addition to the collection since the CD-ROM of the *Consolidated Statutes and Regulations* does not yet include the *Income Tax Act or Regulations*.

If you have any questions regarding the electronic *Income Tax Act and Regulations*, please call the reference staff at the Vancouver Courthouse Library at 660-2841 or e-mail us at BCCLS@bccls.bc.ca.

VENDORS' CORNER

BC COURTHOUSE LIBRARY SOCIETY

Consolidations Lists

The Vancouver Courthouse Library has recently updated the lists of commercial consolidations of provincial and federal statutes available in the library. *Statutes of British Columbia Consolidations* and *Statutes of Canada Consolidations* provide the name of the statute, the name of the publication in which it is consolidated and the call number for our library. The availability of consolidated regulations is also noted. This year we have also produced a list of the publications surveyed to compile the two lists. It is available for purchase along with *Statutes of British Columbia Consolidations* and *Statutes of Canada Consolidations* at \$25.00 for the package. To order please call Susan Whalen at 660-2910 or fax 660-9418 or e-mail us at BCCLS@bccls.bc.ca.

News from BUTTERWORTHS

Butterworths has published a number of key texts in the last quarter of 1996. *The Law of Contract, 13th Edition* (Cheshire/

Fifoot) and *The Law of Agency, 7th Edition* (Fridman) had been co-published with Butterworths U.K. New editions of Canadian texts include *Liability Insurance Law in Canada, 2nd Edition* (Hilliker), *Sports Law in Canada, 3rd Edition* (Barnes) and *Family Mediation Handbook, 2nd Edition* (Landau/Bartoletti/Mesbur). Other new titles for your legal library are *Technology Transfers and Licensing* (Ramsay), *Law for Canadian Health Care Administrators* (Morris), *The Law of Confidential Communications in Canada* (Manes/Silver) and *Environmental Law: A guide to Concepts* (Pardy).

Butterworths has also begun to publish CD-ROM titles after receiving extensive feedback from the marketplace on licensing and pricing concerns. We will be pricing our products based on concurrent users and will be using Folio VIEWS, the leading CD-ROM software for professional information services. Titles published in November include *Insurance Case Law Digest* on CD-ROM and *Williston and Rolls Court Forms* on CD-ROM enhanced with a form-filler software). Look for CD-ROM's of *British Columbia Practice* and *British Columbia Court Forms* in early 1997. CD-ROM's are available on a 30-day approval basis.

Butterworths will be releasing *Immigration Law Forms & Precedents* (Green/Waldman), a unique new software that allows you to prepare and print the most comprehensive source of forms and precedents available as well as get essential advice from Canada's leading immigration practitioners. This software will be available in December.

For any product enquiries or customer service concerns, please give me a call in Vancouver at (604) 689-4133, fax at (604) 682-5779, or e-mail me at avaz@butterworths.ca. Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and joyous New Year 1997.

contributed by Arthur Vaz, Sales Manager Western Canada

News from CARSWELL

Carswell is totally committed to the growing trend in electronic legal research. That is why Canada's largest provider of CD-ROM products has initiated a program of FREE product-specific training seminars to its customers. These "hands-on" sessions provide the training and knowledge needed to get the most out of CD-ROM products by Carswell. Call toll free 1-800-363-3783 for the most convenient date and location for the product you require training for.

Carswell's Client Education group also offers a wide scope of electronic products training alternatives designed to suit a variety of individual needs and budgets. These training sessions range from the basic to the advanced, can be one-on-one or in a group, on-site or away from the office — *it's up to you*.

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CLE NEWS

Case Digests Subscription Service

Concise Summaries of Judgments

Since the launch of its Case Digest Subscription Service in May 1996¹, CLE has added some new features. In addition to publishing weekly and monthly digests of **every** judgment handed down by the B.C. Court of Appeal and B.C. Supreme Court, CLE now publishes all available judgments from the B.C. Provincial Court. Beginning January 1997, it will also include Supreme Court of Canada judgments originating in B.C.

Used by the judiciary, the case digests feature: names of counsel, cases considered, expert evidence (including names of experts), indexes, full text judgment service, and appeal warning.

The new **Criminal Law Digest**, published weekly, is now available. It will tell you about all criminal cases released by the courts and quasi-criminal cases dealing with environmental law, *Motor Vehicle Act* offences, and many more.

Case digests are published in 13 distinct subject areas. **Weekly case digests** are available in Civil Practice and Procedure, Commercial, Criminal, Family, and Personal Injury. You will get information within approximately two weeks of the decision being available, from just \$3.75 per week.

Monthly case digests are available for Bankruptcy and Insolvency, Construction, Court of Appeal, Insurance, Labour and Employment, Municipal, Real Property, and Wills and Estates. The monthly service is available from just \$10.40 per month.

Save 25% if you subscribe to more than one subject area digest. Or, subscribe to the weekly **Civil Law Digest**, which includes all weekly and monthly topics and more, for \$345 per year. Subscribe to both the **Criminal and Civil Law Digests** \$445 per year and you will save \$50. Quarterly indexes are also available.

Until January 1, 1997, you can try one digest at **no charge**. Contact CLE's Customer Service representatives at 893-2162 or 1-800-663-0437.

¹ Case digests are a cooperative project between CLE and British Columbia Law Publishers which began publishing in April 1995.

NEW! Electronic Square One Index to CLE Publications (1978 - 1996)

CLE, with funding from the Law Foundation of B.C., will launch the new electronic Square One Index to CLE Publications (1978 - 1996) in Spring 1997. This comprehensive listing of annotated bibliographies of all CLE course materials and books will be published in Folio VIEWS 4.0 for easy key word searching.

The print version of Square One, current to June 1996, is still available. Watch for more details in your CLE mail.

New! Account Manager Service

As you know, CLE develops and offers the best in legal information, designed to help the legal profession with practice needs. We have recently developed a program to assist law firms and other legal libraries to ensure their collection of legal information is complete.

Karen Imeson, our Sales and Marketing Liaison, has been assigned to work personally with librarians and other decision-makers to help identify gaps in their legal resources and recommend publications and services that are important to their needs. She brings years of experience in the legal information field to CLE's newest service. If you'd like a personal visit or have questions about your collection of CLE resources, you can contact Karen at (604) 893-2110 or e-mail her at: kimeson@cle.bc.ca.

Our Customer Service department continues to be available to serve your needs and will accept orders, recommend purchases, and deal with account matters as usual. Contact CLE's Customer Service representatives at 893-2162 or 1-800-663-0437.

contributed by **Debbie Wong**

News from WESTERN LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

1997 marks Western Legal Publications' 25th Anniversary. Watch your mail for invitations to WLP's 25th Anniversary / Valentine's Day Celebration.

Beginning in 1997, the *British Columbia Decisions, Civil Cases* will be published weekly. The regular subscription rate now guarantees better currency *and* a complimentary set of Weekly Headnotes with every issue.

New publications: *Class Actions in Canada* by Ward Branch was just released. This comprehensive, practical guide contains more than 300 pages of information on class actions, including references to over 200 Canadian and American cases. To speed up your research, the full text of the relevant legislation from British Columbia, Ontario, and Quebec has also been included. Price: \$125.00 for binder & contents. Anticipated upkeep: 1-2/ year @ \$25/each.

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The *Supreme Court of Canada Practice Guide* will be out in early January 1997. You'll find time-saving checklists for all proceedings including filing leave applications, cross-appeals, and factums; the consolidated and updated *Supreme Court Act, Rules* and Practice Directions *plus* digests of the relevant caselaw. Price: \$99.00 binder & contents (only \$79.00 to current WLP *Supreme Court of Canada Decisions'* subscribers). Anticipated upkeep: 4/year @ \$15/each.

New electronic Products: *Dart Volume III — British Columbia Labour Decisions* on CD-ROM will be pressed in January. The initial release of this product includes digests of Labour Relations Board Decisions back to 1979 and digest of Arbitration Awards back to 1982. The *British Columbia Employment Standards Tribunal Decisions* digests will be added in a later release.

Dart Volume IV — Federal Decisions on CD-ROM will be released in February 1997. This product includes digests of *Charter of Rights Decisions* back to 1982, *Supreme Court of Canada Decisions* back to 1980, and *Federal Court of Appeal Decisions* back to 1981.

Finally, *Dart Volume I — Civil Decisions* and *Dart Volume II — Criminal Decisions* on CD-ROM are available now on a free, 30-day approval. Each CD includes four infobases: British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba civil or criminal digests respectively. Scope of coverage: back to 1980 for the prairie provinces and back to 1979 for British Columbia.

All new products and CD-ROMs are available on a free, 30-day trial. Please call **Nancy Nesbitt** at 687-5671 or toll free at **1-800-663-0422** if you require further details on any of the items listed (or, e-mail me at nesbitt_wlp@mindlink.bc.ca).

contributed by **Nancy Nesbitt**, Marketing Director

CANADA COMMUNICATION GROUP

Canada Communication Group, formerly the federal Queen's Printer, recently sold its printing operations to St. Joseph Corp. of Toronto, a family-owned commercial printer. The government will retain a few core functions: — Depository Services, which catalogues and distributes government publications; — Reference Canada, a database and telephone information service; — editing of the Canada Gazette; and — administration of Crown copyrights.

Despite the sale, the data related to the distribution and warehousing operations remain government property; CCG anticipates its customers will not be affected by the sale.

contributed by **Anna Holeton**

INTERNET CORNER

BC Courts Website: <http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca>

1. Indexing:

This site now has an index; the search engine uses Tripoli Query Language. Click on the hypertext link to learn more about the syntax.

The site can also be searched via the Open Text Power Search engine created by UBC. Law Library, and located at:

<http://www.library.ubc.ca:82/otdoc/tpower.htm>

There is also a "Legal Link" to this site on the CLE homepage at:

<http://www.cle.bc.ca>

To become a more proficient searcher, visit Open Text's site and read about Power Search syntax, and hints on searching:

<http://index.opentext.net/>

Caveat: New judgements are regularly posted to the BC Courts Website. Regular updating of the Power Search index is still under construction and is expected to be in place in early 1997. Until then, Power Searches for the most current decisions may give false negative results for the most recently added judgments.

2. Problems with Margins

Anna Holeton wrote to *Victor Lizoguboff*, Webmaster of the BC Courts Judgment site complimenting him on their Website, but pointing out a problem with margins on some of the judgments mounted. Here is his response:

"Thank you for your comments. We are aware of the margin glitch. All judgments up to August 96 (totalling 1,400) were converted using a batch process. These judgments were in Courier or Dutch fonts (WordPerfect 5.1). The conversion of Courier worked okay, the conversion of Dutch pushed the margin off the screen. The difference is that Dutch is a proportional font, but Courier is a monospaced font. Text files in browsers are displayed with Courier—thus the glitch. We do not have the resources to make changes to previous judgments and are only looking for missing text. We were aware of the margin being off the screen on some judgments, but more importantly, text was still readable. Current judgments are being produced in Courier font and margins appear to be okay in the browsers after conversion.

Some suggestions to help avoid missing printed text:

- If there is a horizontal scroll bar at the bottom of the page, then most likely some words on the right margin will be missing in the print out.
- Explorer has an option to change the size of the viewed font.

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Make the font smaller (by two sizes) only before printing. It will print readable but will be hard to read on the screen. (Change font size back for viewing).

- Netscape also has the option to change font under 'Options' menu and 'General Preferences'; change to Courier 8 point setting before printing.
- Another option is to import the *.txt judgment into a word processor and create a clean up macro. **For example**, starting from the second page, use the 'replace' command to replace every 'hard return' with a 'space'. Then replace every '[' with two 'hard returns' and a '['. Once you have created this macro, a judgment can be cleaned up with a few key strokes.

I hope this information is of help. Just a note, the judgments on the Internet are for reference only and are not an official version of the original judgment. To prevent any errors, I recommend you take the time to review a printout before going to court and if necessary obtain an official copy from the Registry."

-Victor Lizoguboff, Webmaster.

BC Statutes on the Internet

The Queen's Printer has mounted BC statutes, current to December 1994, on the Web in html format. The URL is:

http://bbs.qp.gov.bc.ca/stat_reg/

It will take them a while yet, no doubt, to do the regulations.

contributed by **Gail Nash**, Registrar of Regulations

Access to Justice, Final Report

Access to Justice, Final Report by The Right Honourable the Lord Woolf is now available on the Internet at:

<http://lrc.law.warwick.ac.uk/woolf/>

along with *Access to Justice, The Way Forward*, the strategy of the Lord Chancellor for implementing Lord Woolf's review of the procedures of the civil courts. The Internet site also contains *Draft Civil Proceedings Rules* and the *Interim Report* from 1995 as well as the *Issues Papers* released by Lord Woolf.

The Vancouver Courthouse Library has also ordered a copy of the *Final Report* for the collection. If you have any questions or would like to see the *Final Report*, please call the reference staff at the Vancouver Courthouse Library at 660-2841 or e-mail us at BCCLS@bccls.bc.ca.

Free access to GP Print Legislation Announced

GP Print and The Knowledge Basket in a joint statement announced 9 December, 1996 that free access will be provided to New Zealand Legislation, including Hansard, Acts, Regulations

and Bills, using the GP Print's Web Site on The Knowledge Basket. Users will be able to browse through the full text of all legislation currently in force, and will be able to read Parliamentary speeches from the new Parliament as they become available.

Value added services such as full text search will continue to be charged for. Sponsorships will be sought once the necessary data conversions are complete, to help recover the costs of the expected heavy use of the system. Initially the costs of conversion and provision of the service are being absorbed jointly by GP Print and The Knowledge Basket.

Currently, a "preview" is available for trial usage, and comments are requested. To preview go to GP Prints Website:

www.knowledge-basket.co.nz/gpprint/

Contact: dave@knowledge-basket.co.nz - [Dave Keet at The Knowledge Basket] or natasha.gp.co.nz - [Natasha Gould at GP Print] for further information.

Government Search New Zealand Available

The Knowledge Basket has announced a free full text search service indexing all New Zealand Government Web Pages.

Following hard on the heels of its release of "Legal Search New Zealand" Government Search indexes over 6,000 Government Pages Full Text - all words in the documents are searched, and Boolean, Proximity, and Concept search is supported. To search the Government Web Pages go to:

<http://www.knowledge-basket.co.nz/kupenga/>

For further information contact: Dave Keet - dave@knowledge-basket.co.nz

Source: CALL Listserv, December 8, 1996

WESTPAC REVIEW

Our "Neighbours to the North" have come and gone! The Coast Plaza at Stanley Park on October 17th - 19th, was the site of WESTPac's 1996 Annual Meeting, planned jointly with VALL. Back home in Wyoming after the conference, the President, **Kathy Carlson** writes "from the comments I heard, people enjoyed the hotel, meals, city and program. I do not think we could have done any better!"

We think things went well also. 71 attended, including exhibitors and speakers. The President-elects of both CALL (**Suzan Hebditch**) and AALL (**Judy Meadows**) were here. It was a wonderful opportunity for VALL members to experience a mini AALL meeting, and network with our neighbours from eight states south and west of B.C.

The four speakers, **Mike McDonald**, **David Knoll**, **diana harragara-waters**, and **Judge Elbridge Coochise**, gave an

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informed and occasionally passionate review of the native law issues. **John Davis** from University of Victoria, provided a thorough and historical insight into Canada's legal system, and **Catherine Best** from University of British Columbia, emphasized the Canadian Abridgment and QuickLaw in her session on legal research. The "Hot Topics" sessions afforded a networking opportunity and exemplified how problems and solutions are not affected by boundaries. Excellent discussions and handouts resulted from all sessions.

Thanks are in order for all VALL Members involved - the WESTPac Planning Committee (**Joan Bilsland, Sam Manchur** and **Eve Porter**); the Dutch Treat hosts (**Teresa Gleave, Anna Holeton, Elizabeth Kinersly** and **Joan Honeywell**); the "Hot Topics" leaders (**Elizabeth Kinersly** and **Wendy Ng**); and the vendors (*Canada Law Book, Lexis, Hein, QuickLaw* and *Western Legal*.) And of course none of it would have happened without the initiative and enthusiasm of **Kathy Carlson** of Wyoming State Library and **Kristin Cheney** from Seattle University. Sacramento anyone?

- **Anne Beresford**, Past President

ROUND TABLE RESULTS

At last June's Round Table discussion, ideas and suggestions were invited. Each table was asked to fill in the forms and return them to the Program Committee. Eighteen forms were returned. Here is a summary of the results:

1) *Should VALL create specific focus groups to deal with different library issues? The focus groups could report to the VALL Executive and submit periodic reports to the VALL Review. What topics would you find useful?*

Eight respondents (44%) wanted focus groups. Twenty-one topics were suggested including:

- **technology:** Internet, flat fee billing, ongoing evaluation of CD products, Folio, training issues, electronic products, software issues;
- **professional:** salary review, consultants group, marketing, and publication reviews; and
- **budget issues:** cost cutting, dealing with publishers and vendors, library staff job descriptions, collection management issues, new legal reference, and library moves.

2) *Should there be incentive perks for VALL Executive members which might encourage people to stand for executive positions? For example, should membership be free for the length of their term. should workshop or luncheon fees be waived? Should membership fees be increased in order to accommodate these*

incentives? Please comment.

Eight (44%) responded "yes" to paying for membership for the Executive (one noting "especially for treasurer"). Three (17%) responded "no" to this. There was a mixed response to the waiving of luncheon fees with three suggesting no waiving of luncheon fees, four suggesting that some luncheon fees be waived for Executive, one saying luncheon fees should be waived. Three suggested that the annual transfer of Executive lunch should be catered. One suggestion was that we find out what other organizations do.

3) *If you attended the VALL (Folio) workshop in March, please comment on the program, venue, food, cost, etc.*

The venue and program were good... it was a relevant workshop ... timely... well organized... the price was fine... the day was informative, but we want information not a sales pitch... good panel (for program)... would have liked a hands-on session... encourage people to use the microphone... long day... more time between sessions would have been helpful... Folio should have been more practical i.e. how to use Folio efficiently would have been better... Folio initially too basic but got better

4) *What are your favourite Internet sites and search engines? What Server do you use?*

Favorite Internet sites include:

Directory for U.S. people & businesses:

<http://www.switchboard.com/>

CLE: <http://www.cle.bc.ca>

Drew Jackson's "Canadian Law Resources on the Internet":

http://mindlink.bc.ca/Drew_Jackson/

UMontreal-SCC:

<http://www.droit.umontreal.ca/SCC.html>

Open Government: <http://www.cs.ubc.ca/opengov>

BC Government: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/>

Wash. Law:

<http://lawlib.wuacc.edu/washlaw/searchlaw.html>

Hieros Gamos: <http://www.hg.org/>

Cyberstore: <http://www.cyberstore.ca/>

CALL-L: <http://www.kingston.net/iknet/call/>

Canada Stockwatch:

<http://www.canada-stockwatch.com/>

CIA World Factbook:

<http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/95fact/index.html>

CBC radio: <http://www.cbc.ca>

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PBS Online: <http://www.pbs.org>

Virtual atlas: <http://www.mapquest.com/>

flower shop (can e-mail flowers):

<http://www.virtual-flowers.com>

Favourite search engines include:

Yahoo, Lycos, AltaVista and InfoSeek, Open Text.

Servers include:

Istar/Mindlink, Axionet, Cycor, ISP/Browser, Compuserve, Portal, Explorer.

5) Great ideas for luncheon or workshop topics for next year?

- Someone from Legislative Counsel, BC Ministry of Attorney General to speak re Status of 1996 Statute revision (Why can't the electronic product be more current? Why is there no BC Regs CD? or Why aren't they both statutes and regulations on the Internet?) [Ed. note: see INTERNET CORNER, page 5.]
- Workshop panel re: continuation of print product, CD's vs. the Internet...
- Have a joint lunch with VALA or System Administrators
- Joint workshop with Administrators, legal assistants, MIS to explain what law firm—and other—law librarians do
- QL Flat Fee Billing...
- Cost cutting (CD Rom / Print)...
- One or two person library management (how to set priorities or manage big projects on a long term basis)
- Have **Drew Jackson** back to do a more advanced Internet presentation
- Software tips (re: printing, downloading)
- Library technology
- Paul Witney to speak about fiction...

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Kelly Higgins is the new Assistant Librarian at Bull, Housser and Tupper.

IN MEMORY OF PETER BARK

*In keeping with tradition we take a few moments at our November meeting to remember **Peter Bark** who died six years ago this month.*

Peter was well known to all VALL members as among other things, he was Program Chair in VALL's founding year 1988/89. Many of us were very close to Peter and those of us who weren't

thought we were anyway as he was that kind of person. A very close friend of Peter's, Johanna Sigurdson described it well. Recently she became acquainted with an articling student at her firm, who was from El Salvador, who told her that her family had been sponsored to come to Canada as refugees, by a law librarian. This law librarian also tutored them in English. Knowing that Peter was fluent in Spanish, Johanna put two and two together and asked if this fellow's name was Peter Bark. The answer was yes, and Johanna admitted "Peter was my best friend!" The student then exclaimed "He was my best friend too! How could he be your best friend when he was my best friend?"

I thank Johanna for that story as it epitomizes how people still want to claim a part of him as much now, as they did before he died, because in addition to his many talents and interests, he had a wonderful generosity of spirit. He would be delighted to know that VALL carries on that spirit through the memorial fund established in his name.

*The **Peter Bark Memorial Fund** was established in February 1991 to assist VALL members to attend conferences or workshops in order to continue their education and increase their knowledge and involvement in the law library community. Through the work of a committee in 1993 a monetary goal of \$10,000 was set to create a sustainable fund. Members of that committee will be pleased to learn that the goal has been reached as the fund sits at \$10,066.14. This does not mean that the fund is closed to further donations - these of course continue to be welcome, and are encouraged. If the fund continues to grow, the amount available to recipients will no doubt increase as well.*

To give you an idea of how the funds have been used, past recipients have been:

***Susan Crysler** [1992: CALL conference in Winnipeg],
Bronwen Jamison [1993: CALL conference in Halifax],
Shirley Hyndman [1994: AALL conference in Seattle],
Greg Wurzer [1995: VALL workshop and meetings], and
Tracey Carmichael [1996: CALL conference in Kingston].*

Application forms are available [details are reprinted on the last page of this issue of VALL Review]. The application deadline is February 1, 1996. Applications are usually reviewed by the VALL Executive at the February VALL Executive meeting, where the recipient is approved. Your applications are encouraged.

*Anne Beresford, Past President
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PETER BARK MEMORIAL FUND

PURPOSE: To create a sustainable fund which would annual generate sufficient interest to finance the Peter Bark Memorial Fund Bursary. The initial goal of \$10,000 has been reached; the

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fund status (as of October 31, 1996) was \$10,066.14.

Although we've arrived, why stop now? Due to the current low interest rates, the fund generates less money for the bursary than anticipated when the initial goal was set. Continued contributions will ensure the viability of the fund and its bursary—helping it to keep pace with inflation.

TO DONATE: *Send your cheque to:*
 VALL: Peter Bark Fund
 P.O. Box 48663
 Bentall Centre
 Vancouver, B.C. V7X 1A1

On November 11, 1996, Peter Bark's parents sent the following letter to VALL's President:

Another year has gone by, and again it is our pleasure to send along our contribution to the Peter Bark Bursary. It must be gratifying for your Treasurer to see the capital sum approaching \$10,000. It is unfortunate that, at today's rates, proceeds from interest payments are only somewhat helpful.

Six years have now gone by, and it does bring us a good deal of pride to know that he is still remembered by the associates who meant so much to him.

We are having a special presentation of his Anglican mass for the first time in this part of the country next March. It will take place at our church, Sydenham Street United, in Kingston: the photo is on the cover of this note.

Once again, our warmest regards, and best wishes for a successful year for the Association.

Sincerely, Annabelle & Robert Bark

CALL FOR VALL REVIEW SUBMISSIONS

The deadline for the March issue is February 27, 1997. Please submit **electronic** copy to Anna Holeton by e-mail file transfer at:

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PETER BARK MEMORIAL FUND BURSARY

The Peter Bark Memorial Fund Bursary was established by VALL in February 1991 to commemorate Peter Bark and his contribution to VALL and law librarianship. The Bursary assists VALL members demonstrating financial need in attending meetings of the Canadian Association of Law Librarians or other law library associations, continuing education workshops or other professional development. The fund is sustained by donations from individuals, law book publishers and grants from VALL.

Guidelines for applicants

Value: Up to a maximum of \$500 per year may be awarded, to be divided amongst all eligible applicants.

Eligibility: Applicants will have been members of VALL for one year. Financial circumstances of applicant(s) will be considered. Preference will be given to applicants attending a professional conference for the first time or who have conference responsibilities or who are active in VALL or in the law library community. Current Executive members are not eligible.

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