

# GLBTRT NEWSLETTER

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## From the Editor:

I apologize for the delay of this issue. There was a miscommunication between myself and the ALA office which issues our mailing labels. However, the good news is that we now officially have 449 members!

I would also like to welcome to the newsletter committee, Beth Tarr and Ken Wells. Their participation is greatly appreciated. As always, if you have any questions or comments send them on to me care of ALA or my email address.

Mary Callaghan "Cal" Zunt  
Newsletter Editor

## From the Co-Chairs

Faye and I want to thank everyone for helping to make San Francisco such a great conference this year. We also wanted to thank everyone that has volunteered to put some time and energy into various committee work over the next couple of years.

We are both really excited about having so many people agree to be involved in the committees. It really shows us that we are growing quickly in our short time as a Round Table. It's great to see so many folks stepping forward to help out.

We are in the process of putting together an official "Thank You" letter for volunteering your time. Hopefully those will be out in the next couple of weeks.

We also shortly will be putting forth the charges and guidelines for the various committees. Many of these committees do have official charges and/or some guidelines and they can be found at the Round Table Web site [http://calvin.usc.edu/~trimmer/ala\\_hp.html](http://calvin.usc.edu/~trimmer/ala_hp.html)

Some committees are newer and do not have official charges and guidelines. Some duties have changed from those that are listed in the Bylaws. Part of each committee's goals will be to set down on paper a general idea of the work and activities of that committee.

If any committee members or general members ever have any questions, don't hesitate to ask them here on the list or address them to Faye

([chadwelf@oregon.uoregon.edu](mailto:chadwelf@oregon.uoregon.edu)) or me ([sestratt@vcu.edu](mailto:sestratt@vcu.edu)). Again, thanks for your time and involvement.

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## Treasure's Update

The fund raising committee will be moving from ad hoc status to a standing committee status. The committee change will be voted on in spring of 2002. The membership will continue in the search for donations and additional revenue sources. The chair position will remain vacant until the annual conference in Atlanta. At this time the position will need to be filled.

Funds are continuing to arrive moving the roundtable closer to the goal of \$40,000. The endowment account will be opened we have reached the \$10,000 mark. At this time we have over \$5,000.00 in the account. There has been a new challenge issued to the membership. One member of the roundtable will be donating \$500.00 now and another \$500.00 when we reach the \$40,000.00 mark. When we reach our goal, I must attend the social wearing a three piece banker suit with a white shirt with cuff links, matching tie and handkerchief, and dress shoes! Do you want to see me in banker drag then donate funds so we can meet our goal of \$40,000.00.

To donate funds to the book award endowment fund, follow these simple instructions: Send your check made out to the ALA/GLBTRT to the following address:

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## Program Planning

### The 30TH Anniversary Book Awards Breakfast a Hit!

Thanks to the efforts of many people and hands, the Book Awards Breakfast came off without a hitch. With an all-time record attendance of 190- the ballroom of the St. Mark glistened with our own gay pride. Thanks again to Chet Mulawka for securing our speakers-Christopher Rice and Dorothy Allison.

Christopher gave us insights into his commitment to giving young gay and lesbian readers a slice of reality-something that was unavailable to him in his formative years(and certainly something most of us can identify with).

Dorothy Allison captivated the room with her message and her presentation. I cannot imagine anyone present not getting whispy as she clearly conveyed the importance of libraries and especially librarians in providing and carrying the message to our LGBT youth. The room stayed silent for several moments when she finished-only to be filled suddenly with thunderous applause. What a wonderful person she is!

The awards presentation followed with Book Awards committee chair Anne Moore and incoming chair John Bradford giving praise to, as well as a message from Sarah Waters, who won the literature award for "Affinity."

Susan Parker introduced the winner in the Nonfiction category, William N. Eskridge. His work "GayLaw: Challenging the Apartheid of the Closet" was the starting point for what turned into an exciting presentation by a highly charged speaker.

One wishes he weren't under time constraints, as he had a lot more to say. Perhaps one day we will hear him again.

Thanks go out to the Book Awards Committee, The Breakfast Planning Committee (Walt Walker, Katie Lynds, Chet Mulawka, Andrew Johnson, Sarah Barbara Watstein) GLBTRT officers, and everyone who helped make this event a real "Gayla!"

**Bob Jaquay**  
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## GLBTRT-L Listserv

On behalf of the GLBT Round Table Steering Committee I'd like to welcome over 300 new subscribers to GLBTRT-L member Listserv! At Annual the Steering Committee decided that the membership should have the opportunity to participate as fully as possible. This discussion list is one of the best vehicles with which to provide input to both the Steering Committee and the individual committees.

Between conferences, all committees except the Book Award Committee communicate via this discussion list. Consequently, all GLBT Round Table members with email addresses are now subscribed. This list normally generates very light traffic, except during the approximately three weeks prior to ALA Annual and Midwinter Conferences when there can be perhaps 15 postings in a day. However, if for any reason you wish to unsubscribe, the process is easy:

1. Contact me and I will remove you from the list (Michael Poma - [mapoma@creighton.edu](mailto:mapoma@creighton.edu)) OR 2. Send a message to: [listproc@ala.org](mailto:listproc@ala.org) In the body of the message type: unsubscribe glbtrt-l [firstname lastname] OR 3. Use ALA's easy to use ListProc Web Interface to unsubscribe: <http://lp-web.ala.org:8000/> To post to the list, send your message to [glbtrt-l@ala.org](mailto:glbtrt-l@ala.org) A complete list of commands/ListProc Documentation is available at: <http://www.cren.net/listproc/docs/> Again, WELCOME to the new subscribers, and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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## Book Award Committee

Four men and two women have been named to two-year terms on the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgendered Round Table's Book Award Committee as replacements for departing committee members. The new members join four women and two men remaining on the committee this year. John Bradford ([jbradford@galaxy.com](mailto:jbradford@galaxy.com)) will succeed Anne Moore as Chair of the committee and Ellen Bosman has been chosen as the new vice-Chair/Chair-Elect.

The Book Award Committee selects winners and honor books in Literature and Nonfiction each year during ALA Midwinter. The awards are presented at an Awards Breakfast each year at the following ALA Annual. The 2001 Book Awards Committee will select the award winners presented at the 2002 Awards Breakfast.

### Members of the 2001 Book Award Committee

Name: Term ends:

Ellen Bosman (Chair-elect) 2003  
John Bradford (Chair) 2002  
John DeSantis 2003  
Karl Fattig 2003  
Cecil Hixon 2003  
James Hoogstra 2002  
Lisa Johnston 2003  
Anne Moore (Past Chair) 2002  
Susan Parker 2002  
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## Volunteer with Us

Join us! We are always looking for energetic **committee members**. Interested candidates must be members of ALA. Please mail/email your nominations to the GLBTRT at the ALA address on the back of this newsletter, or attend our meetings during conference and see if you would like to volunteer. **We look forward to working with you!**

## Treasurer's Report Con't

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All donations are tax deductible and if you wish to pledge a large amount please contact me directly to make the arrangements.

Yours in Black Ink,

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### WINNER OF THE EXHIBIT DRAWING!!

Once again the GLBT Round Table booth at annual conference was a success. Plenty of folks stopped by to talk with us and learn about the activities of the RT. We were able to sign up several new members and reply to inquiries from several other people. In addition, all of the handouts were quickly picked up by folks interested in bibliographies, Book Award winners and our conference programs.

We also had our first drawing for donated prizes. The big winner of the day was Ty Burns, Library Media Specialist, who won the stack of books, which had been donated by members and publishers. Ty works for the Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District in Cypress, Texas, just outside of Houston. He sent a Texas-sized thank you to the Round Table.

Be sure and sign up to work the booth next year. It is always fun to talk with folks as they wander the exhibits.  
Steve Stratton