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Message from the President

Greetings library assistants; I hope you all had an enjoyable and healthy summer.

The Conference Planning Committee is already under way organizing our next conference, which will take place on Monday, June 8 and Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at The Enterprise Center, Burlington County College in Mount Laurel NJ. We are working to make our next conference at least as exciting and informative as the last one was. Our Conference Chairs once again are Connie Reese and Cathy Lynch. Sincere appreciation goes out to them for continuing this important job, which benefits of so many of us. Our theme for this gathering is "Today's Choices Affect Tomorrow Dreams."

The Conference Planning Committee met in September for our first meeting of the season at which we held our wrap up session of last year's conference. We excitedly discussed some topics for our next conference. The October meeting was held at Seton Hall University. On November 18 we will meet at the library in Metuchen NJ. For directions please either e-mail me wardbarb@shu.edu or call me at 973-761-9441

other meetings:

Wednesday, December 17, Somerset County,
Mary Jacobs Branch, Rocky Hill
Thursday, January 15, Morristown & Township
Public Library, Morristown

Friday, February 6, Seton Hall University,
Walsh Library, South Orange
Tuesday, March 10, an Ocean County Library
Wednesday, April 8, location TBA
Thursday, May 14, Somerset County Library,
Bridgewater
June, Enterprise Center, Burlington County
College, Mount Laurel

Our meetings begin at 10:00; if directions are needed please feel free to contact me. Now is a great time to get involved in YOUR association and make some choices that can affect your dreams of tomorrow.

The Conference Planning Committee has viewed the surveys that were handed in at the last conference, and we are trying to accommodate as many of your suggestions for classes as possible. This is why it is very important to hand in those sheets. We do take all suggestions and comments seriously. We have no control over some of your complaints, but if we can improve the situation we will.

On a personal note: I am very excited and happy to tell you that my grandson was just born. He is a little premature at 5½ weeks early but is doing well each day. He joins his brother, who is 3½ years old. This is such an exciting time in my life.

Barbara Ward
Seton Hall University
Walsh Library

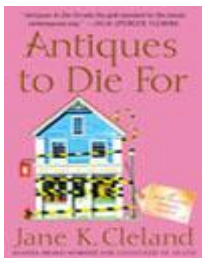
Welcome

New members of the Conference Planning Committee are Shileen Shaw of the Newark Public Library, Jaqui Ridzy of the Somerset Library System—Bound Brook Branch, Pamela Kirby of the Montclair State University Sprague Library, and Wenona Spencer of the Paramus Public Library.

We are now in the process of collecting names of speakers, including key note speakers. If you have any ideas or if you are interested in being a presenter please contact Connie Reese:

creese@theoceancountylibrary.org or Cathy Lynch: clynch@theoceancountylibrary.org.

The Further Adventures of ...



Those of you who attended Monday's session of the 2008 conference will surely remember our key note speaker Jane Cleland. To quote the program from that conference, "The Josie Prescott Antique Mysteries

(St. Martin's Minotaur), which have been called 'Antiques Roadshow' for mystery fans, are set on the rugged seacoast of New Hampshire where Jane owned an antiques business for many years. In the traditional mystery series, antiques appraiser Josie Prescott uses her knowledge of antiques to solve crimes. *Consigned to Death*, the first in the series, was nominated for an Agatha, a David, and a Macavity Award for Best First Novel. *Antiques to Die For* was a Fresh Fiction Fresh pick for April.

Jane has been in touch with NJALA Immediate Past President Marilyn Jack-Brown, and Marilyn passed on the information that you can access Jane's newsletter online. *Prescott's Antiques: The Newsletter a periodic newsletter for fans of Jane K. Cleland's traditional mystery series featuring Josie Prescott* is available at www.janecleland.net/htm/newsletter/newsltr.htm

The Results Are In—For NJALA

Executive Council Slate of Officers 2008-2009

- ★President Barbara Ward, Seton Hall University-Walsh Library
- ★Vice President/President Elect Connie Reese, Ocean County Library-Berkeley Branch
- ★Immediate Past President Marilyn Jack-Brown, Montclair State University-Sprague Library
- ★Second Vice President John Guido, East Orange Public Library
- ★Recording Secretary Kathy Falco, Ocean County Library-Lacey Branch
- ★Membership Secretary Heather Rivera, Newark Public Library-North End Branch
- ★Corresponding Secretary Suzanne Ridzy, Somerset County Library-Mary Jacobs Branch
- ★Treasurer Ellen Brewer, Ocean County Library-Waretown Branch
- ★Liaison Anita Kosinski, Somerset County-Bridgewater Branch
- ★Conference Chairs Connie Reese, Ocean County Library-Berkeley Branch; Cathy Lynch, Ocean County Library-Barnegat Branch



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is January 5, 2009.

Feel free to send your articles or other information anytime before this date.

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