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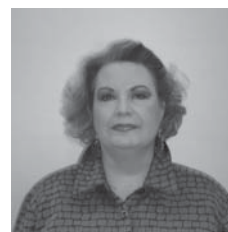
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Aerospace Section

Gale Harris, Chair



The Aerospace Section of the Engineering Division encourages communication and cooperation among information professionals concerned with aerospace, aeronautical and related technologies. In addition, it fosters dialog with entities such as NASA, the AIAA and other important sources of technical data and bibliographical services.

This will be a one-of-a-kind SLA conference, celebrating 100 years of our profession. Be sure to take a look at the SLA Centennial Website to see the SLA Timeline. It's a very interesting visual representation of our growth and expansion.

Programming for the conference is exceptional. To kick off the week, the Aerospace Section Business and Breakfast will be held on Monday, June 15th from 7:00 am to 8:30 am. This is a ticketed event so be sure to choose ticket #600 for \$15.00. Start your morning with us, network with friends and join us in celebrating with the recipient of the George Mandel Memorial Award.

The recipient this year is Joan Dubis of the Boeing Company. Joan has been a Corporate Librarian at The Boeing Company since 1995 when she joined Rockwell Corporation supporting the Space Shuttle program. She specializes in Engineering and government research and is a member of the Library's marketing and collection development teams. She has worked on a number of special projects, such as the Leadership Evaluation and Development System (LEADS) which won a Boeing Global Achievement Award in 2007. She is currently on the Library's team for the Boeing Technical Excellence Conference, working on a presentation entitled "Leveraging Technical Expertise via Boeing Library Services." In addition, Joan has written monthly web-based articles for the Library's homepage and participates in the "Ask-a-librarian" online service.

Joan has been a member of SLA since 1993 and has served in Board positions for the local SLA-South CA Chapter, including serving as the Publications Director for the South CA Chapter from 2004-2005. During that time she oversaw the committee that recommended a new website design for the Chapter. She has been a guest speaker at the San Jose Library and Information Science Program at Fullerton.

Joan is an active member of SLA, and a member of the Engineering Division Board of Directors. She has served for a number of years as the Chair of the Engineering Division's Awards Committee. Joan received the 2004-2005 Elsevier Engineering Information/Special Library Association Engineering Librarian of the Year Award, which was presented at the annual conference in Toronto, Canada.

Joan received her MLS from San Jose State University. She is committed to her profession, enthusiastic, has a passion for customer service, and is greatly respected by her peers, both inside the company and outside. Please join me in the presentation of this Award at the Aerospace Breakfast and offer your congratulations to her afterwards on her achievement.

Later the same day, from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm, the Aerospace Section along with generous support from AIAA, will be sponsoring a session titled MISSION TO MARS: NASA ENGINEERS AND INFO PROS SET SIGHTS ON THE RED PLANET. We will have a panel discussion to include Dr. Roger D. Launius, Chief NASA Historian and Senior Curator of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, Ms. Jaime Scibelli, information specialist, and Mr. Alan S. Montroso, information specialist, both of Wyle Information Systems, NASA Glenn Research Center. The focus will be how collaboration between NASA libraries and NASA engineers are helping to move forward the goal of reaching Mars, also insights on human space flight-where we are headed and where we have been. It will be an interesting and enlightening session. Be sure to attend.

There is just so much to do and see in this great city. Lots of tours have been arranged, so be sure and book those early. I am excited and looking forward to seeing you all in one of my favorite cities. ❖

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