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TMLDA COMMUNIQUE

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Steve Brown

It's a crazy year. As you read this, as you prepare to go to the TLA Conference in Houston, there is probably something happening in Austin that affects the public libraries of Texas. Legislators have definitely noticed the volume of contacts by library supporters this year – that much is clear from the comments made by legislators at budget hearings so far. Now is not the time to get discouraged. What you and your colleagues have done so far has helped raise legislative awareness of the importance of TIF funding, the TexShare database program, Loan Star Libraries and other issues that affect us. But it's not over yet – keep those cards and letters (and phone calls and emails) coming in. It makes a difference.

While you're at the TLA Conference, please plan to attend the TMLDA Business Meeting, Wednesday April 2, 2:00 – 3:50. I hope we can use the opportunity to discuss ways in which we can begin to remake our organization in ways that will make it more vital to our members and more effective as an advocate for Texas libraries.

TMLDA AWARDS

The following awards
will be presented at the
TML Conference in November 2003:

Administrator of the Year

Outstanding Supporter of Libraries

Library Director of the Year

Additional information on the awards
will be available in the
Summer 2003 newsletter.

Please start thinking about worthy
nominees from your organization.

To view last year's application form
and previous winners
please go to the TMLDA website at
www.tmlda.org

**TMLDA Meeting at TLA
Wednesday, April 2, 2:00-3:50 p.m.
Check conference program for location.**

Still Webbing Along...

Sheila Ross Henderson, M.L.I.S., Director,
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As co-chair of TLA Local Arrangements, I am delighted to invite you to the 2003 TLA Conference to be held in Houston, April 1 – 4, 2003. By now you should be in receipt of your preliminary program. If you have had the opportunity to serve on the TLA Steering Committee you know the joys of putting this program together. It was an experience I shall never forget.

We are proud to have Dr. Bill Cosby as one of our featured speakers. We are still awaiting word as to whether he will sign books or donate autographed books for us to dispense at our discretion. We certainly hope he does but regardless, we anticipate a stimulating time from his presence. If you have perused the program, you have noted a slate of authors, speakers and contributors from a wide spectrum of interests. We believe you will have little trouble identifying something to pique your particular interest.

Shortly, I will be adding a TLA local information link to our website. It is intended to give you a handle up on what is and will be available throughout the Houston area during conference time. Hopefully, you will have an opportunity to learn, shop, eat... learn, shop, eat... and you know, learn... shop and eat!

The director and staff of Houston Public Library have enthusiastically worked with us to offer you an exciting and different welcome party. Please highlight Tuesday evening, 6:30-8:30pm, Houston Public Library, "Party on the Plaza", on your TLA conference planner. You should not miss it!

I am looking forward to seeing your faces. As co-chair, it is a certainty that I will be busy, but not too busy to say "hello and welcome!"

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