Happy New Year!

**San Diego member on the AALL Board!** Congratulations to our own John Adkins, Director of Libraries, San Diego County Law Library. John has been elected to the AALL Board and his term begins in July. His energy and enthusiasm will now inspire great things at the national level, as it has done for us locally.

A New Tradition?
On December 3, for the third year in a row, SANDALL celebrated the holidays with the wonderful food and view from the Top of the Park. A good time was had by all.

**SANDALL Events in early 2014**
Two brown bags are planned for early 2014. Michele Lucero of the LAC Group will give a talk on resolving disputes at California Western on January 24, and USD will host a panel discussion on military law and libraries on February 27. For more details see the information in this newsletter or on the SANDALL events calendar.

The next SANDALL Buddies meeting is this Saturday January 18 at the Studio Diner. ALL SANDALL members are welcome. However, this group is wonderful in particular for new members, those in library school or those interested in ‘job shadowing’ a colleague in another library. Email Carol Hyne (chyne@irell.com) with questions or for more information.

**SANDALL Needs You! Committee Vacancies and Upcoming Election**
We continue to look for people to fill committee vacancies and we will soon be looking for candidates for the next SANDALL Board election. For more information contact me directly, or view a list of committees and chairs at via the SANDALL website: [http://www.sandallnet.org/members-information/officers-committees](http://www.sandallnet.org/members-information/officers-committees).

Questions/Concerns?
Please feel free to contact me at any time with any question or concerns about SANDALL, suggestions for programs, etc.

I wish you all the best for 2014 and look forward to seeing everyone at the next brown bag on January 24!

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**Resolving Disputes**

Presented by: **Michele Lucero**  
Director of Client Development for the LAC Group  
January 24, 2014 at Noon  
California Western School of Law (MMR, 1st Floor)  
350 Cedar St. San Diego  
RSVP to **Shannon Malcolm**  

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A Time of Giving

By Benita Ghura, Librarian, San Diego Law Library

To capture the spirit of giving during the holiday season, the San Diego Law Library launched the Celebrate Books! campaign, a new fundraising effort to build a special book collection representing the year’s most important legal issues.

To raise funds for this campaign, we introduced the Bookmas Tree. The idea of a Bookmas Tree is to create a holiday tree out of books (see photo). Using chicken wire, rebar and zip ties, we built a teepee to form the structure of the tree. We then invited the community to participate by donating $5, $10 or even $50 to help grow our tree, one layer at a time. We placed a book around the teepee-like frame for every $5 donated.

Thanks to the generous donation of many individuals, our Bookmas Tree grew steadily throughout November and the first part of December. CEB generously matched every $5 donated, up to $250. Upon completion, the Bookmas Tree stood over 9 feet tall with over 800 bound periodicals and superseded statutes, weighing approximately 3,000 pounds.

Building the tree was an amazing community effort and was the highlight of our Open House event on December 13, 2013.

During the Open House, we held a vote to select the 2013 Book of the Year, the first book in our special collection. The big winner was: Chasing Gideon: The Elusive Quest for Poor People’s Justice.

The Bookmas Tree was an instant hit with San Diego County residents. Many individuals stopped by to admire and take pictures in front of the Bookmas Tree during and after our Open House event. People walking by our library would stop and stare up in delight at the Tree through our large picture windows. Our Celebrate Books! campaign will be an annual fundraising event to continue to build our special collection. In addition, we will happily dazzle and amaze the children and adults of San Diego County with our beautiful Bookmas Tree every year.

Military Law and Libraries

Speakers include:
Robert Muth
Attorney for the USD School of Law Veterans Clinic,
and
Bonnie Brown
Librarian for the USS Midway

February 27, 2014 at Noon
University of San Diego Legal Research Center
5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego
RSVP to Shannon Malcolm

Congratulations!

Our very own Michele Knapp, Reference Librarian at USD Legal Research Center has been accepted to the AALL Leadership Academy in Chicago in April. She was even awarded a grant!
SANDALL 2013 Holiday Party
SANDALL 2013-2014 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Send Fee and Form to:
Robert Wickman
Thomas Jefferson School of Law Library
1155 Island Ave.
San Diego, CA 92101

Membership Fee: $20.00 ($15.00: students)
Make checks payable to: SANDALL

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