

**Region 3
Rocks !!**



**When We Stand Together....
We Learn, Lead, Connect & Include**

February, 2015

Chapter Happenings

- The ***Minnesota Chapter*** will be hosting its 25th Annual Conference and Exposition on February 18. The theme for the event is "That was Then, This is Now". It is a fabulous opportunity each year for all attendees to receive great education, interact with Business Partners, and network with fellow colleagues.
- The ***Greater Chicago Chapter*** is hosting a Secretarial Supervisors/Managers Conference on February 25. The event includes lunch, keynote speaker, breakout sessions, panel discussion, and a networking cocktail reception. Topics of discussion will be the changing role of the secretary, performance reviews/soft skills training, recruiting/retention, and ratios/secretarial models.
- In November, the ***Mid-Michigan Chapter*** hosted its final member social of 2014 at the home of Past-President Brenda Boyer and her husband Terry. A harvest dinner of

locally produced foods was served. The evening would not have been complete for this group without a bit of spirited competition. The theme of this year's competition was "The ALA-Mazing Race," where participants engaged in a variety of events and feats of strength, including dart throwing, shooting pool, and trivia. Fabulous prizes were awarded, and a memorable evening was enjoyed by all!

The ***Mid-Michigan Chapter*** continued its efforts in support of Grandma's Comfort, a charity that assembles donated items such as toiletries, small personal items, hand-crafted items, linens, and toys into individual gift bags, and delivers these "Comfort Bags" to local organizations such as women's shelters for distribution to individuals in need. On December 2, a second delivery of items including gift bags, puzzles, games, jewelry, and personal care items was made by members to Grandma's Comfort, just in time for the holidays! The Mid-Michigan Chapter is so pleased with the success of its collection efforts and appreciates the time, thought, and energy members put into gathering items that bring comfort and joy to recipients not only at Christmas time, but throughout the year!

Region 3 Scholarship Winner

- Congratulations to Courtney Kurkowski (***Minnesota Chapter***) on winning a scholarship to the 2015 ALA Conference in Nashville!

Volunteer Opportunities

Region 3 members have a strong history of volunteerism. If you're looking for shorter term opportunities with ALA, consider applying to serve on the 2015 Association Nominating Committee, 2015 Regional Nominating Committee, and 2016 Human Resources Conference Planning Committee at:

www.alanet.org/volunteer <<http://www.alanet.org/volunteer>>.

Application deadline is March 16.

Connect with Region 3 on Social Media

Stay connected with Region 3 by joining Region 3's LinkedIn and Facebook pages!

- Our LinkedIn Page:

https://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=4514428&trk=my_groups-tile-grp;

- Connect on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/ALA-Region-3/475267985910076>

2014 – 2015 Region 3 Leadership Team

	<p>DIRECTOR Cheryl Nelson, PHR, CLM canelson@rkmc.com</p>	<p>Region 3 Rocks !!  When We Stand Together.... We Learn, Lead, Connect & Include</p>	<p>AT-LARGE DIRECTOR Katie Bryant, CLM kjb@udallshumway.com</p>	
				
<p>REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE Laura T. Sears lsears@gouldratner.com</p>	<p>REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE Patricia Barbachem, CLM pbarbachem@thompsoncoburn.com</p>	<p>REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE Andrea Myers, CLM myersa@millerjohnson.com</p>		