Happy spring, Omicron members! We had an active and successful season, thanks to your participation and support! This issue of the newsletter includes your annual renewal form and scholarship donation request.

**2014 Omicron Annual Meeting**

We will hold the Annual Meeting and Dinner on **Tuesday, April 29, 2014**, at the Rutgers Club. Our guest speaker, Dr. Joyce Valenza, will give the after-dinner talk on “Librarians and Social Capital.” Dr. Valenza is a newly-minted full-time faculty member in the Rutgers University School of Communication & Information’s Library and Information Science Department. Please join us!

Dr. Joyce Valenza

Dr. Richard Cox, University of Pittsburgh, Archivist

The spring 2013 Omicron Annual Meeting was another wonderful and successful event. On Wednesday, April 17th, members, initiates, scholarship recipients, faculty members, and special guests gathered at the Rutgers Club. Dr. Richard J. Cox, Professor at the University of Pittsburgh, School of Information Studies, offered the riveting and engaging after-dinner talk, “The Ethics of Teaching, the Teaching of Ethics.” During the meeting, we recognized and welcomed our 22 initiates (listed below).

### 2013 ΟΦΜ Initiates

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### Fall Lecture a Success!

The 2013 annual Fall Lecture was held on October 30th at Alexander Library. Dorothy Howard is the Wikipedian in Residence working with METRO Library Consortium members in NYC to build collaborative programs using Wikipedia and other open data initiatives. Her talk, titled “Wikipedia & Cultural Heritage Institutions: Opportunities for Partnership,” featured the success of the GLAM-wiki movement (Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums partnering with Wikipedia). She was joined by colleague Jefferson Bailey, the Strategic Initiatives Manager at METRO, for the animated Q&A portion of the evening. A video of the event can be found online (http://youtu.be/VRoTz7PTNkM).
This annual lecture is co-sponsored by ΒΦΜ, the Rutgers Department of Library and Information Science, Rutgers University Libraries, the School of Communication & Information Alumni Association, and the NJ Center for the Book.

Keep an eye on our website http://betaphimuomicron.wordpress.com/ for details of the 2014 lecture, and plan to join us for this exciting celebration of librarianship.

**Scholarship News**

The Omicron Chapter of Beta Phi Mu is especially proud of its mission to provide scholarships for current Rutgers School of Communication and Information (SC&I) students who are pursuing the master’s degree in library and information science. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to increase the number of recipients once again.

In 2013 we provided $1,000 scholarships to three worthy recipients, Kristen Mapes, Lisa Olszewski, and Rose Deeb, selected from an impressive pool of applicants. They attended the 2013 Annual Meeting to receive their awards. Congratulations to all!

The 2014 scholarships will be awarded at the annual meeting on April 29th.

Please consider supporting this worthy effort with a donation when you receive the spring membership renewal. Thank you to the following donors, who contributed in 2013:

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Our sincere apologies if we have failed to recognize anyone!

**ΒΦΜ: Powered by Volunteers!**

Beta Phi Mu is a volunteer organization. Members offer to serve as officers for two-year terms, with responsibilities increasing each successive year. (Below is the 2014 slate for officers.) If you are considering
volunteering as an officer for next year, please speak with any officer during the Annual Meeting! Or, contact Maureen Smyth at maureen.smyth@gmail.com.

2014-2015 OFFICERS SLATE
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Secretary: Michelle Louden
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GET UPDATES FROM US!
The Omicron chapter’s website (http://betaphimuomicron.wordpress.com) allows you to sign up for email updates or RSS feeds when new information is posted. It’s easy. And don’t worry—we are low traffic! Remember: All news, photos, bios, newsletters, and scholarship applications can be found on our website.

If you would like to be a contributing author to our blog, please email Katherine Wiggins (katherineawiggins@gmail.com) so that we can add you. Anyone may submit comments to posts—we encourage you!

For those of you on Facebook, we also have a “Beta Phi Mu, Omicron Chapter” page. Hope to see you there!

SHOW YOUR BETA PHI MU PRIDE!
Show your pride in being a part of Beta Phi Mu. We will have ΦM braided honor cords and insignia pins available for purchase at the annual meeting. Graduates walking in May 2014 graduation: you may wear the honor cord on your gown as you get your diploma. School faculty members can wear the cords with regalia when marching in commencements.

Honor cords and insignia pin, via the ΦM national Web site

The brass-toned pins are painted with enamel to display the ΦM colors and the dolphin and anchor insignia. They are each $15.75. Both items are also available for purchase at the national ΦM Web site (http://beta-phi-mu.org/merchandise/).

MEMBER NEWS: KEEP US INFORMED
Please send us your career updates and news to publish in the next newsletter and/or on our website/blog. Email Katherine Wiggins (katherineawiggins@gmail.com) with updates on your career, professional activities, and family news. We have not received any news lately. Please, don’t be shy! Remember, updates provide a valuable networking tool for members and foster chapter pride!

ARE YOU MOVING?
Please remember to let us know if your address changes. Virtual Move? Please let us know your preferred email address. We want to keep our members as informed as possible as efficiently as possible! Please notify Kristen MacCartney at K.MacCartney@ieee.org.
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