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CML PROGRAM AT MLA

Skip Dye, President Elect, United for Libraries to Speak at the 2018 Maryland/Delaware Library Association Conference



Skip Dye

Skip Dye, president elect of United for Libraries and VP, Library Marketing and Digital Sales at Penguin Random House will speak at the CML program, Community Advocacy: Working with and without Friends Groups, at the MLA/DLA Annual Conference on Thursday, May 3, from 1:30 – 2:30 pm.

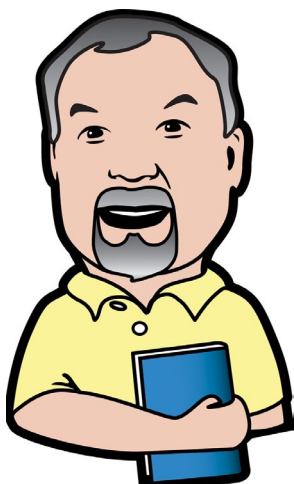
Mr. Dye has been in publishing for over 30 years. He is the co-founder of the Penguin Random House Literacy Award for Teachers and co-founder of Penguin Random House Innovation Awards for Libraries. Mr. Dye has been a Board Member of United for Libraries for the past 2 years and will serve as president in 2018-2019. At PRH, Mr. Dye has been very active in supporting United for Library's Book Club Central and the Sarah Jessica Parker Book Club. He holds a B.A. in Theatre from the University of Tennessee (Knoxville) and a MFA in Theatre from the University of Georgia.

Regarding his role as president-elect, Mr. Dye notes, "United for Libraries' mission and purpose is dear to my heart. Never before has there been a time where Friends of Libraries, Trustees, Foundations, and advocates are more important to the libraries they support and love."

Jillian Wentworth, manager of marketing & membership for United for Libraries will be joining him on the program.

They will be sharing successful initiatives and approaches on raising awareness of the important role of public libraries in the community.

United for Libraries is a division of the American Library Association with approximately 4,000 personal and group members representing hundreds of thousands of library supporters. United for Libraries supports those who govern, promote, advocate, and fundraise for libraries, and brings together library trustees, advocates, friends, and foundations into a partnership that creates a powerful force for libraries in the 21st century.



SHARE YOUR STORY!

Do you have a story suggestion for the next issue of The Citizen?
Does your library have an event or activity you would like The Citizen to cover? If so, please email your ideas to Lynn Wheeler at lwheeler@carr.org

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Message from the President

what it takes to be an Advocate

I've been volunteering my time with and for libraries for the past five years. That's nothing compared with the dedication of so many I've met in that time – folks who have given a lifetime of service to make libraries and communities thrive. I have been mentored, guided, and taught so much from so many of you. I've been overwhelmed with information and opportunities to make not just my local library system better but have been able to have an influence on libraries in Maryland and even nationally.

In my role as president of Citizens for Maryland libraries, I have the privilege of representing so many people who are just like me – library patrons. We're not experts on libraries nor are we savvy lobbyists, but we care about our libraries.

I got involved in advocacy because of a conversation I had with a staff member at my local library. I ask of my fellow library-goers, get to know the staff of your local library. Ask how you can help. It can be as simple as donating books or attending an event to suggesting a program or running for a board position. And for the library staff, talk with those patrons who you recognize, who share your passion for libraries. Find out how they may want to be involved.

It doesn't take a lot to be an advocate, but it requires taking a first step. If you haven't already signed up to be a member of Citizens for Maryland Libraries, make that your first step.

Kristen Pironis
President, Board of Directors
Citizens for Maryland Libraries



Above (from top): CML representatives at National Library Legislative Day; Legislative Day attendees with Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger.

American Library Association: New Orleans



Carla Hayden at 2018 ALA Annual Conference

Dr. Carla Hayden will receive ALA Honorary Membership, the association's highest honor, on Friday, June 22, at the Opening General Session of the Annual Conference in New Orleans. The award is conferred for outstanding contributions of lasting importance to libraries and librarianship.

On Saturday, June 23, from 4:00 – 5:00 pm, the RUSA President's Program will feature, *A New Dawn for Libraries: A Conversation with Dr. Carla Hayden*. In a wide-ranging interview with another former ALA President, Courtney Young, Dr. Hayden will share her perspectives on the Library of Congress and on how libraries can meet the needs of the nation's diverse population. CML board member, Joseph Thompson serves on the planning committee for the program.

In Memoriam



Diane Lebetter Barlow, 1941-2018

Dr. Diane Barlow, executive director of Citizens for Maryland Libraries from 2011-2017, died on February 2, 2018, following a long illness. Dr. Barlow retired as associate dean of the University of Maryland, College of Information Studies (Library School). She had a long and dedicated association with the Library School, where she received a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science in 1976 and a Ph.D. in 1989.

Dr. Barlow was an active members of the American Library Association and the Association of Library and Information Science Education (ALISE).

She was a strong advocate for diversity and inclusiveness in libraries, and helped found the James Partridge Award, established in partnership with CML. The award is presented annually to an outstanding African American Information Professional. Dr. Barlow recently co-edited with Dr. Paul Jaeger the book, *Celebrating the James Partridge Award: Essays Toward the Development of a More Diverse, Inclusive and Equitable Field*, published in 2016.

Born in Jackson, MS, she is survived by Jewel Barlow, her husband of 57 years, 3 sons, 3 daughters-in-law and 5 grandchildren.

Gifts in honor of Dr. Barlow can be given to the James Partridge Award Fund at Citizens for Maryland Libraries.



Steve LaBash

Former CML Board member, Steve LaBash passed away in February 2018. Steve was Director of the Langsdale Library, University of Baltimore at the time that he retired after a 34-year career with the library. He was a very active member in the Maryland Library Association and the American Library Association. He served two terms as Maryland's counselor to ALA and several years as the Intellectual Freedom Officer to MLA. He was a member of the Friends of Laurel Library.

CML Awards Announced

CML's most prestigious awards will be presented on May 4 at the Maryland Library Association Annual Conference.

For more information on the CML Awards go to <https://www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org/>

Marion Satterthwaite Award: Sharon Maneki

Sharon Maneki will receive the Marion Satterthwaite Award for outstanding advocacy efforts to support and improve Maryland libraries. Ms. Maneki has worked tirelessly for nearly 30 years as a member of the Friends of the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH), advocating for LBPH. As President of the Friends, Ms. Maneki successfully led the charge for legislation that mandated State Aid funding for LBPH. She also was a very dedicated and effective advocate for legislation that moved library services out from under the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Department of Education and authorized the formation of the Maryland State Library.

Ms. Maneki has been a member of the Board of Directors of Friends of LBPH since the early 1990s. After serving as vice-president for many years, she took the helm as president in 2014, a position she continues to hold. Ms. Maneki has worked to expand programs and services to the blind throughout Maryland. As a leader in the National Federation of the Blind of Maryland, she helped to advocate for a new and improved building for the library.

Under her leadership, the Friends have raised significant private funding to purchase materials and programs for LBPH. Currently, that support is making it possible for LBPH to convert titles from its Marylandia collection to digital format, with a long range goal of digitizing all of the collection so that it can be part of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped download program, BARD (Braille Audio Reading Download). BARD enables patrons nationwide to download digitized books to their own computers, audio or Braille devices.

Ms. Maneki worked as a research analyst with the Department of Defense for 27 years. She lives in Columbia, Maryland.

Davis McCarn Award: Liz Sundermann-Zinger

Liz Sundermann-Zinger, virtual and media services manager at Baltimore County Public Library will receive the Davis McCarn Award, given in recognition of outstanding achievement in using innovative technology to improve library service in Maryland.

In her previous role at the Maryland State Library, Ms. Sundermann-Zinger brought new technology and computer science educational experiences to thousands of library customers in Maryland. Her achievements include:

- With funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), she arranged for all Maryland library systems to receive Google Expeditions virtual reality kits and launched Virtual Reality Roadshow statewide in partnership with FutureMakers experiential education consultants. She also coordinated a VR/Unity pre-conference with FutureMakers at the 2017 MLA Conference, which gave librarians the opportunity to learn VR skills for access and basic content creation.
- She partnered with Workbench to create a digital maker space platform that will be available to anyone through a Maryland public library website. Libraries selected to pilot The Make-IT Place received tech education resources to support programming efforts and training on the platform. Content on the platform includes step-by-step instructions for a wide variety of STEM, maker, and computer science projects. The instructions can be used by librarians for group programs and by individual learners to use at home. The platform will be used by customers from elementary school through adulthood. Customers and librarians can also add their own content, and comment on their experiences with various projects in order to foster a sense of community.
- She launched coding learning opportunities, such as coding with Cubetto, designed for pre-K learners.
- She developed and coordinated the Statewide Programming Laptops Initiative for Community Education (SPLICE) that provided statewide programming laptops to increase STEM learning opportunities. In 2015, every public library system in Maryland received a set of 10 laptops for youth and family classes and programs. During 2016, SPLICE programs engaged 1,269 participants in 77 public library programs.

CML Awards Announced

Ms. Sundermann-Zinger shares her knowledge and expertise freely with others statewide and nationally via conferences and online channels.

At Baltimore County Public Library, she has been able to focus on deepening the level of experiences offered and continues to support statewide efforts and connections.

CML Outstanding Employee/Team Award

The 2018 Outstanding Employee/Team Award will be presented to the Polaris Implementation Team of the Eastern Shore Regional Library, Inc. (ESRL) Members of the team are Rachael Stein, Rick Simpson, Sam Eddington, Mira Beaglehole and Jeff Cross.

In January, 2016, the eight county library systems on the Eastern Shore agreed to create a consortium for the adoption of a single-database ILS system, uniting one-third of the counties in Maryland under one ILS. The Eastern Shore Regional Library, Inc. would manage the conversion and serve as the fiscal manager. The conversion of five separate ILS' into a single product had not been done in Maryland and everyone involved knew that this would be a complex and complicated project. Twenty months later, in August of 2017, the system went live. Many people in the region were vital to the success of this project, but the Polaris Implementation Team consistently went above and beyond, striving to maximize the positive impact the project would have on the eight library systems and their users.

Individually, each of the team members served as the point of contact for their respective specialties, either trouble-shooting issues identified by library staff, or coordinating fixes with Polaris staff. As a team, they supported each other and engendered an aura of confidence, competence and a secure grasp on the minutia that is a large part of an ILS upgrade. Throughout the entire process, they focused on providing the best possible product for the library end-users.

“Personally, these co-workers and friends have been an inspiration. I am proud and honored to nominate them for this award.”

John Venditta

Director, Eastern Shore Regional Library



Center - Sharon Maneki



Liz Sundermann-Zinger



ESRL Polaris Implementaion Team

Faces & Places

Western Maryland Regional Library Wins H.W. Wilson Library Staff Development Grant

The American Library Association announced that the Western Maryland Regional Library's "Service, Safety, and Security in Western Maryland" is the 2018 winner of the prestigious H.W. Wilson Library Staff Development Grant. The award is presented annually to a library organization whose application demonstrates greatest merit for a program of staff development designed to further the goals and objectives of the library organization.

"Service, Safety, and Security in Western Maryland" is planning a workshop for staff members in the libraries it serves in Washington, Garrett, and Allegany counties to increase library service, safety, and security while maintaining excellence in customer service. This will be accomplished by identifying primary security issues and empowering staff to handle challenging issues through practicing defined resolutions and the implementation of an incident response plan.

In its press release, ALA stated that the jury was impressed by the regional library's understanding of the needs of their member libraries to address difficult situations library staffs find themselves in, such as drug usage, mental illness, and homelessness, without negatively impacting other services. The close focus of this workshop provides a greater opportunity to relay in-depth information aligned with the goals of service, safety, and security. The program has an outcome based emphasis as participants will be asked to apply strategies learned in hypothetical situations. Additionally, the proposal incorporated a substantive evaluation methodology that includes a six-month follow up survey that will ask participants to assess how learning at the workshop contributed to their library's efforts.

The H.W. Wilson Library Staff Development Grant will be presented at the ALA Award Ceremony and Reception on Sunday, June 24, 2018 at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans.

Ruby Jaby Receives Prestigious Partridge Award

Ruby Jaby, manager of the Crofton Branch, Anne Arundel County Public Library, received the 2017 James Partridge Award, presented to an outstanding African American Information Professional in honor of contributions made to the information profession. Ms. Jaby has worked as a librarian for 43 years. She has held her current position for 25 years. Under her leadership, the Crofton Branch has become a center for community activity and connections.

The Partridge Award was presented in November during the Conference on Inclusion and Diversity in Library & Information Science, which is hosted by the College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland. Citizens for Maryland Libraries maintains the investment fund and presents a framed certificate and check for \$250.00 to the award recipient at the event.

For a complete list of James Partridge Award recipients, go to: <https://www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org/>



Pictured (from left): Hampton "Skip" Auld, CEO Anne Arundel County (MD) Public Library; Partridge Award recipient Ruby Jaby, Branch Manager, Crofton (MD) Community Library; Catherine Hollerbach, Chief, Public Services and Branch Management, Anne Arundel County (MD) Public Library; Joe Thompson, Citizens for Maryland; and Parker Hamilton, retired director, Montgomery County Public Library.

Faces & Places

Maryland Library Professionals Named to *Library Journal's* "Movers & Shakers" for 2018

Each year, *Library Journal* shines a spotlight on about fifty top changemakers who are transforming what it means to be a librarian. CML would like to congratulate the following exceptional library professionals – all with ties to Maryland who were named to the Library Journal's 2018 Movers & Shakers list:

- **Jennifer A. Ferretti** - Digital Initiatives Librarian, Maryland Institute College of Art Library, Baltimore. Named as a 2018 Mover & Shaker – Community Builder (Here to Stay);
- **Trevor Owens** - Head of Digital Content Management, Library of Congress, Washington, DC. 2018 Mover & Shaker – Digital Developers (Access Forever); and
- **Fran Glick** - Coordinator, Library Media & Instructional Technology, Baltimore County Public Schools. 2018 Mover & Shaker – Educators (Digital Guardian).

To read more about the LJ recognition and the biographies of each of these exceptional individuals, go to: <https://lj.libraryjournal.com/movers/index.php>

Maryland Humanities Celebrates 45th Anniversary

Maryland Humanities is celebrating more than four decades of lifelong learning in the humanities. At an anniversary luncheon on Wednesday, May 16, noon to 2:00 pm, at Turf Valley Inn, it will be honoring three Marylanders who have had a transformational effect on the organization: James T. Brady, Dr. Catherine R. Gira, and Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski, UMBC President, who is also the luncheon keynote.

The mission of Maryland Humanities is to create and support educational experiences in the humanities that inspire all Marylanders to embrace lifelong learning, exchange ideas openly and enrich their communities.

Of special importance to libraries is the One Maryland One Book program (OMOB) offered by Maryland Humanities in collaboration with local partners throughout the state. Since 2008, OMOB has been engaging thousands of readers, bringing diverse people in communities together through the shared experience of reading the same book. Each year, not only does Maryland Humanities give away thousands of free copies of the selected book and support theme-related programs; but also, the staff coordinates the intense selection process, bringing together a team of librarians, teachers, bookstore owners and other readers to review, discuss, defend and select the one book.

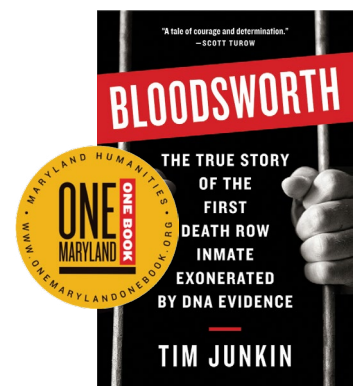
Maryland Humanities also organizes the annual Maryland History Day, which prepares middle and high school students to be critical thinkers as they develop skills in research and analysis, writing, and public speaking. Through the support of Maryland Humanities, two hundred schools and twenty-two districts are able to hold local history days that feed into Maryland History Day, which in turn feeds into the National History Day competition. This year, there are currently 27,000 students participating.

For more information, go to: <https://www.mdhumanities.org/>

2018 One Maryland One Book

Maryland Humanities recently announced that the 2018 One Maryland One Book is *Bloodsworth: The True Story of the First Death Row Inmate Exonerated by DNA Evidence*, by Tim Junkin. The book focuses on a milestone case that took place in Maryland, which would eventually lead to exoneration of hundreds of wrongly convicted inmates.

Watch for a list of author events and programs at: <https://www.mdhumanities.org/programs/one-maryland-one-book/>



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FY 2016 Highlights

MARYLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS

Public Library Per Capita Funding Statewide:	\$51.43
Registered Users:	3,453,326
Total Holdings:	15,119,623
Books	10,513,799
Videos/DVD's:	1,228,908
Databases:	928
Ebooks:	1,156,502
Total Circulation:	58,373,606
Circulation Per Capita:	9.42 items
Library Visits:	27,481,583
Total Programs Offered:	85,873
Total Program Attendance*:	2,287,868
Public Internet Terminal:	5,195
Internet Users Per Year:	5,423,909
Wireless Internet Uses Per Year:	4,392,094

**Includes programming offered by regional libraries*

Statistics issued by the Maryland State Library in cooperation with MSDE.

Good News on Federal Funding for Libraries

Thanks to the hard work of library advocates in Maryland and throughout the nation, the Federal FY 2018 budget included an increase in funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services, including LSTA funding. MSL received \$2,977,151 in FY 2018 Federal Funding, an increase of \$75,000 over FY 2017. The efforts of library advocates are now needed to gain support for the FY 2019 Federal Budget. The good news is that Senators Cardin and Van Hollen have shown their support.

Libraries Received Broad Bipartisan Support from the Governor and the Legislature during the Hogan Administration

Maryland Public Libraries have fared well under the Hogan administration.

State Aid - After years of no movement in State Aid to Libraries, in FY 16, the first budget prepared and approved by Governor Hogan, State Aid to Libraries increased by \$.27 cents. Annual increases have occurred as follows:

FY 2015 - \$14.00 per capita
FY 2016 - \$14.27 per capita
FY 2017 - \$ 14.54 per capita
FY 2018 - \$ 15.00 per capita
FY 2019 - \$15.50 per capita

During this time, regional libraries and the State Library Resource Center also received State Aid increases.

In addition, the Maryland General Assembly approved and the Governor signed mandated State Aid to the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Capital Funding - During this time frame, the full funding of \$5 million per year was approved for the County Public Library Capital Projects Grants Program, and significant funding was approved for the complete restoration of the Central Library- Enoch Pratt Free Library.

In addition, legislation sponsored by Senator Nancy King, which established the Maryland State Library and the Maryland State Library Board within the Education Article, received total bipartisan support and was signed into law by Governor Hogan.

We appreciate the vote of confidence libraries have received and owe great thanks to Governor Hogan and ALL members of the Maryland General Assembly.

Each year, State Aid and Capital funding received full bipartisan support.



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Laurel Branch Named AIA/ALA 2018 Library Award Winner

Congratulations to the Prince Georges County Memorial Library for receiving the AIA/ALA 2018 Library Award for the magnificent Laurel Branch. Co-CEO, Michael Gannon, who coordinated the building project notes that, “This is the only national award that recognizes entire library structures and all aspects of their design. Only five (5) other library buildings across the country were 2018 winners.”

The project architect is Grimm & Parker. In designing the building, the goal was “to provide an environment that promotes learning and social interaction while lifting the human spirit, the Laurel Branch Library pivots around Emancipation Park, a unique historic site with deep roots in the African-American community in Laurel, Maryland. Referencing the past through textured stone materials, the library embraces the present with dynamic lines and bold forms, standing proudly as a beacon for the community.”

For more on this prestigious award, go to: <https://www.aia.org/showcases/187041-laurel-branch-library>

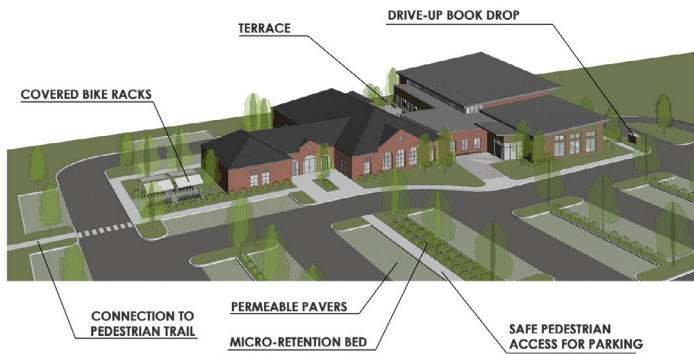
Maryland State Library at Work for Maryland Libraries

In FY 2018, the Maryland State Library (MSL) received requests from 23 public library systems for supplemental staff development funding and issued \$167,935 in awards. This funding makes it possible for library staff to participate in vital continuing education opportunities including the MLA/DLA Annual Library Conference.

MSL purchased a statewide membership in United for Libraries. Library Trustees may now access the website and find many valuable resources, including The Voice for America’s Libraries, the United for Libraries newsletter. United for Libraries also offers Short Takes for Trustees, a series of 10 short videos that cover important board responsibilities and Trustee Academy, a series of online courses to help trustees become proficient in their library governance roles. To access these membership benefits, go to: www.ala.org/united/maryland

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Kent Island Branch, Queen Anne's County



Walkersville Branch, Frederick County



Photos by Kurt Holter

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County Public Library Capital Projects Grants Program Making a Big Difference in Maryland

Since its inception in 2008, the Library Capital Grants Program has played a huge role in enhancing library facilities in Maryland. Twelve new libraries have received Capital Grant funding, as have a great number of renovation projects. To highlight a few of the newest projects:

The Walkersville Branch in Frederick County opened in March 2018. The welcoming new library received \$1 million in Capital Grant funding.

The Berlin Library in Worcester County, scheduled to open in July 2018, received \$1.8 million in Capital Grant funding.

Currently in design with architects Manns Woodward, the Kent Island Branch in Queen Anne's County received \$325,000 in design funding from the Capital Grant Program in FY 2018.

The complex multi-year restoration of the Central Branch- Enoch Pratt Free Library, a crown jewel of Maryland public library network, received \$104,444,000 in Capital Grant and other capital funding from the State. The restoration is scheduled to be complete in June 2019.

Berlin Library, Worcester County





Calendar

May 7-8 – National Library Legislative Day, Washington, D.C.,

<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld>

May 16 – Maryland Humanities 45th Anniversary,

<https://www.mdhumanities.org/ways-to-give/donate/45al/>

June 21-26 – American Library Association Annual Conference, New Orleans,

<https://2018.alaannual.org/>

August 15-18 – Maryland Association of Counties Summer Conference, Ocean City,

<http://www.mdcountries.org/302/Summer-2018>

September 28-30 – Baltimore Book Festival, Inner Harbor,

<http://www.baltimorebookfestival.com/>

October 21-27 – National Friends of Libraries Week – United for Libraries,

http://www.ala.org/united/events_conferences/folweek

To Be Announced – Maryland Trustees/CML Annual Meeting

NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL

Saturday,
September 1



Washington Convention Center
<https://www.loc.gov/bookfest/>

Membership Application

Yes, I want to join Citizens for Maryland Libraries (CML) and continue to work for the best possible public library service for all the people of Maryland.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____ FAX _____ Email _____

Annual Memberships

_____ Individual – Basic	\$15
_____ Individual – Supporter	\$25
_____ Individual – Contributor	\$50
_____ Individual – Benefactor	\$100
_____ Organization (Friends Group)	\$25
_____ Corporate – Benefactor	\$200

Lifetime Membership

_____ Individual – Lifetime	\$750
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Yes, I would like to contribute \$_____ to support:

_____ Mary Lou Dewey Library Advocacy Fund

_____ James Partridge Award

_____ Nettie B. Taylor Leadership Fund

CML is a 501(c)(3) organization. Membership dues are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to CML.

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