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Although there has not been a "President’s Page" in the *Law Library Journal* since 1977, I felt that a return to an older format was justified in order to introduce this Seventy-fifth Anniversary Issue of the *Journal*. It is certainly a *Diamond Issue*, an issue which reflects the brightness of both the Association’s and the *Journal’s* long history.

I offer my sincere congratulations and thanks to Lorraine Kulpa, the immediate past editor of the *Law Library Journal*, who while still editor began the planning for this issue. She has provided an invaluable service to the Association by arranging for these articles that record our past. I also commend Charles Dyer and his editorial staff for effectively carrying out the Kulpa plan. The issue should be a delight to all—older and newer members alike can discover or rediscover the Association’s important historical figures and the goals of law librarianship.

Charles Dyer begins the symposium with a supplement to the recorded history of the *Journal*. Morris Cohen follows with a re-examination of his reflections on the philosophy of law librarianship—he sets our standards once again. David Badertscher offers his observations on the effects of change on law libraries and librarians.

Mike Jacobstein and Roy Mersky reflect on academic law library growth over the last seventy-five years. Irene Berkey’s fine bibliography on law library statistics is appended to the article. We have grown indeed. Don Dunn discusses the role, the duty, of the law librarian as author. Anita Morse concludes the examination of the role of academicians in law libraries with an essay on the teaching of legal research and the appropriate contribution of law librarians.

The three-part reminiscence by Marian Gallagher, Julius Marke, and Art Charpentier is most delightful. We need anniversary issues just to showcase such an article. Ed Bander then follows with an article and bibliography taken from his many years of interest in legal humor.

John Heckel’s guest “Questions and Answers” column is an invaluable aid to the history of the American Association of Law Libraries over the past twenty-five years, and, for some questions, all the way back to our beginnings.

One of my most pleasant duties as president is to introduce you to this Diamond Anniversary Issue. I am certain it will stand as one of the Association’s important milestones.

Roger F. Jacobs, President AALL