Letters to the Editor

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Greek lesson — the word for grandmother is *yiayia*. And this *yiayia* is heading off for the Christening of her very first grandchild, a little boy named *Trifon Raymond Walser*. *Trifon* was my daughter-in-law’s great grandfather’s name and is also the Christian god of wine, I learned recently from a niece who knows all these things.

And back at the *ATG* ranch, we are working away on the February issue. Sorry for the delay in getting this issue out but, hey, it’s well worth the wait. *Margaret Landesman* has put together some really cool articles about public library initiatives by John Ober, Samantha Larsen Hastings, Anne Carr-Wiggin and Louise Reimer, Marie Paiva, Lisa German, Sue Medina, Barbara G. Preece, and Sally Patrick. We also have some special reports on diverse subjects like *academic libraries after print*, implementing *eBook* collections, using *rare books*, and *Wikis* in the workplace from Allen McKiel, Cynthia Cleto, Gene Waddell, Keith Engwall and Steve McKinzie. We have a fascinating interview with *Dr. Eric Emerson* about one of the few *private libraries* in the world, *The Charleston Library Society*. You should be sure and visit the next time you are in Charleston!

What else? *Sandy Thatcher* gives us *Part II of How to Establish a Research Agenda for Scholarly Communication*. *Dr. Matthew Broccoli* commemorates the DLB at Thirty. *Todd Carpenter* talks about *institutional identification*, *Cris Ferguson* takes on * Zotero*, and I could go on and on. Oh! And we have the return of two of our old *(not in the aging sense)* columnists — Philip *Hallman* who returns to the *Media Minder* column and Jared *Seay to You Gotta Go to School for That*. Welcome!

I have to say *adios* *(Greek for goodbye to y’all)* for a few days as I head off to San Antonio for the Christening. But first I have to order some children’s books for *Trifon*. You can’t start reading too early!

Love to all. *Yr. Ed.*

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**Dear Editor:**

Just a brief note to let you now how much I appreciate, as a retiree, receiving *Against the Grain*. It brings back such wonderful memories of the years I attended the *Charleston Conference*. I believe the first one was in the late 1980’s, and there could not have been more than 75 in attendance. It sure has grown over the years! I certainly looked forward to coming back every year, to catch up with what was happening in other libraries. This was such a stimulating group and, even though it really grew in size, there was still ample opportunity to learn from, and exchange information with, colleagues. I always made it clear to my former “fellow librarians” at *Cornell* that this was the conference to attend no matter what your particular speciality was within the library profession.

One of those days I really want to get back to Charleston, one of my favorite cities.

Warmest regards, *Phil Dankert*<pdenkert@twcny.rr.com>