

## **Pancho's Mexican Restaurant**

1536 Crescent Road  
Plaza 8  
Clifton Park, NY 12065  
383-2930  
Just West of I 87 Exit 8

For a copy of the menu and information about the restaurant visit their web site at <http://www.panchoscliftonpark.com>

If you plan to attend please respond by September 28 to Marian Smith at [paepkeaspen@msn.com](mailto:paepkeaspen@msn.com)

\*\*\*\*Please see the letter below regarding the "Future of SLEEK". \*\*\*

Barbara Beverley and Marian Smith

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### **The Future of SLEEK**

Please come to the next SLEEK dinner to discuss, revisit and reorganize. If you are unable to attend the dinner meeting, please send any comments or suggestions to Barbara Beverley ([bev@nycap.rr.com](mailto:bev@nycap.rr.com)) BEFORE Sept. 30.

SLEEK began over thirty years ago and has continued to exist as an informal networking opportunity for librarians. Much of the effort in recent years has fallen on one individual and now it is time for a change. We would like to have a discussion about the future of SLEEK after our next dinner.

- Has SLEEK become too big to be effective?
- Has the focus shifted with more retired librarians' participation?
- Has the focus shifted with increased participation of librarians from diverse library types?
- Can an effective method for planning future SLEEK dinners be developed or a new coordinator is identified?
- Has SLEEK outlived its function?

### **Background information (See below for a description of SLEEK)**

- CDLC currently maintains the mailing list
- SLEEK is meant to be inclusive not exclusive
- SLEEK started with Special Librarians because they frequently work in one or two person settings and benefited from the opportunity to network
- SLEEK has evolved to include 92 librarians from all types of libraries.

- Since records began in April 1995, we've had 56 dinners, hosted by 32 people, at 54 different locations in: Colonie (21), Schenectady (8), Albany (6), Latham (5), Guilderland (5), Clifton Park (5), Ballston Lake (1), Loudonville (1), Scotia (1). (3 locations were not recorded)

## **Purpose of SLEEK**

**What Is SLEEK?** SLEEK is a local librarians' social group that meets for dining and networking every other month. It began more than thirty years ago when a group of special librarians met for dinner before a local program. All librarians and library staff are welcome to add their names to the distribution list. It's free. Librarians from government, corporate, law, academic, and public libraries are members.

**How it Works.** One or two people volunteer to make dinner arrangements, selecting the date and restaurant. Dinner announcements go out to everyone on the list as well as to University at Albany's Department of Information Studies' distribution list and to the Capital District Library Council for its web calendar.

Occasionally we "co-sponsor" a dinner by distributing to the mailing list of another local organization, such as the Association of Law Librarians of Upstate New York or Capital District Business Librarians. We don't usually have programs, although we have toured Proctors Theater backstage and the State Archives and enjoyed a dinner cruise on the Hudson and a "Party Girl" movie night.