

1. I agree with the person who complained about the problem in the LHS staff lounge relating to the soap opera addicts who have the soaps on every day from noon to 2 p.m. And, as this individual said so eloquently, the TV's on so loud that you can't read or take a nap or do anything else on account of that garbage on TV blaring at full blast! This may seem radical, but perhaps we should just simply scrap the boob tube to eliminate the problem. As I see it, the staff lounge was meant for all the LHS staff, not just a few soap opera addicts. Because, seriously, one can't concentrate on anything else with that TV blaring those silly soaps! *NoSoapsForMe*. 3/2/2007, 6:56:36 AM.

2. I was just reading all the comments regarding the holiday party and felt the desire to write my own commentary. I know the party was a while ago, but I went off on a two-week holiday vacation immediately afterwards and just never got down to putting down my comments when I got back to work. Anyway, I thought that it was a real nice party and it seemed like most of the people there were having a good time. The food could have been set up in a better arrangement, though; the way it was, so many people were crowded around the food table that some people weren't able to get to the food. There should have been one table for the desserts and a couple other separate tables for the other stuff. I do think that some serious thought has to be given on that for the next holiday party. On the positive side, the decorations and the holiday centerpieces were very nice; my congratulations to those who handled that. The music was really nice and added to the atmosphere. Someone suggested setting up a dance area for the next party. I, for one, like the idea, but how are we going to make the space for something like that? Also, you got a few people around here who don't like dancing (they look down on me when they hear I've been out to one of the *Chicago Summer Dances!*). I also like the idea of having games available, as this would be a good way to get people together (although I don't think there's that many people into chess!). If we do include games in the future, perhaps we can ask the library staff as to what they'd like to have. Overall, a good holiday party --and this comes from someone who's not a party animal! *AWorkerAtLHS*. 2/23/2007, 2:27:06 PM.

Dear Worker at LHS,

Thank you for your well-thought out comments. The SOCC is glad that there was such a great turnout for the Holiday Party and that, all in all, the comments have been positive. But, with like most things, there is room for improvement. We hope that the next holiday party will be even more successful. With that said: we realize that there is a lot of talent in our library community and those, who could help with the planning, organizing and staffing of the next holiday party. The SOCC hopes to tap into that resource for future events. Might you—as well as others who read this—consider volunteering to help with some aspect of our party planning, organizing or staffing? If so, please send an email to: _____ to let us know that you are ready to roll up your sleeves and pitch in. The more volunteers we have, the more ideas we will benefit from and the more manageable the logistics of the party will be.