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Private, non-federal gifts and grants totaled \$1,579,105.35. Membership revenues totaled \$194,216.71. The gallery reinstallation project reached \$2,192,822.99 of its new goal of \$3,800,000 by the close of the fiscal year on 30 June 2001.

The Visiting Committee to the Oriental Institute met three times in 2000/2001. At the first meeting, on 18 October 2000, members were introduced to Theo van den Hout, the Institute's new Professor of Hittitology, then had a preview of *Treasures from the Royal Tombs of Ur*, a traveling exhibit from the University of Pennsylvania Museum. On 14 February 2001, the Committee met, again at the Institute, and heard presentations from Professor van den Hout on the story of Croesus and the Lydian Language, from Museum Director Karen L. Wilson and Head of Conservation Laura D'Alessandro on the installation of Assyrian reliefs in the Khorsabad Court, and Ph.D. Candidate Jason Ur on the use of satellite imagery by the Hamoukar excavation team. On 17 May 2001, the Committee met at the LaSalle Bank Building in the Chicago Loop, where Professor Janet H. Johnson updated members on the Demotic Dictionary and demonstrated METEOR, a tool for the electronic study of Middle Egyptian. At the May meeting, the Committee was joined by Don M. Randel, the President of the University of Chicago, who described his vision for the University over the next several years and took questions from the floor.

The University of Chicago Board of Trustees elected four new members to the Visiting Committee; we were joined this year by Gretel Braidwood, Deborah Halpern, Lucia Woods Lindley, and John W. McCarter. The Institute thanks John D. Ong, a University Trustee, who has served as Chair of the Committee since 1998, for his service in that role. Towards the end of the academic year, Thomas C. Heagy, Vice Chairman of the LaSalle Bank and Chief Financial Officer at ABN AMRO North America, Inc., assumed chairmanship of the Committee.

The James Henry Breasted Society met twice during the year. Breasted Society Members were the first to view *Treasures from the Royal Tombs of Ur* at a catered reception and dinner on 18 October 2000. On 14 June 2000, Harvey and Elizabeth Plotnick hosted Breasted Society Members at their home for dinner and a viewing of their early Islamic ceramic collection.

The Institute hosted the following events and lectures in 2000/2001:

23 August 2000: "The Tomb of Maya, Treasurer of Tutankhamun," an Associates Lecture by Geoffrey T. Martin of the University of London.

4 October 2000: "A Living, Breathing Tomb: Some Thoughts on the Continuity of Anatolian Culture in the Late Bronze and Iron Ages," a lecture by Professor of Hittitology Theo van den Hout of the Oriental Institute.

8 November 2000: "Women of Ur: Gender and Sexuality in Ancient Mesopotamia," a lecture by Professor Jerrold S. Cooper of the Johns Hopkins University.

14 November 2000: "Anemurium: Roman City in Southern Turkey," by Professor James Russell of the University of British Columbia. Professor Russell's talk was the inaugural Robert Scranton Memorial Lecture, presented by the Archaeological Institute of America and the Oriental Institute.

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15 November 2000: "During the Time of the Hebrew Monarchy," a lecture by Kenneth Kitchen of the University of Liverpool.

19 November 2000: "Treasures from the Royal Tombs of Ur," a discussion of the exhibit and the excavations that uncovered the objects on display by Richard L. Zettler, Curator of the exhibition and Associate Professor at the University of Pennsylvania. This lecture was presented by the Archaeological Institute of America, the Classical Arts Society of the Art Institute, and the Oriental Institute.

6 December 2000: "The Craft Specialists of Power and Prestige: Traders, Jewelers, and Metallurgists of the Third Millennium BC," a lecture by Associate Professor of Anatolian Archaeology K. Aslihan Yener of the Oriental Institute.

16 January 2001: A private viewing of *Treasures from the Royal Tombs of Ur* for our Associate Members.

14 February 2001: "Iraq Since the End of the Gulf War: One Visitor's Impressions," an Associates Event by Professor McGuire Gibson of the Oriental Institute.

18 April 2001: "Only Millennia Matter: 4,000 Years in the Making of the Assyrian Dictionary," an afternoon introduction to the Chicago Assyrian Dictionary project by Professor of Assyriology Martha T. Roth, Editor-in-Charge. This event, held in downtown Chicago at the Gleacher Center, was presented in conjunction with the University of Chicago Alumni Association.

25 April 2001: "Edward William Lane's Description of Egypt: An Illustrated Lecture," a lecture and book-signing by Jason Thompson, Associate Professor at the American University in Cairo.

The Oriental Institute Travel Program offered two departures this year. In February 2001, Associate Professor Robert K. Ritner led a very well-received tour of Egypt, while in May, Associate Professor Emeritus Richard L. Chambers led a tour, jointly sponsored by the Institute and the University's Center for Middle Eastern Studies, of Turkey and Cyprus. Additionally, several Institute members arranged private tours of Egypt under the Institute's auspices.

On 3 June 2001, the Institute celebrated the close of the academic year with the Annual Dinner. This year's dinner supported the Chicago Assyrian Dictionary and the evening's speaker was Professor of Assyriology Martha T. Roth, Editor-in-Charge of the Chicago Assyrian Dictionary. After a reception in the Institute and Professor Roth's remarks in Breasted Hall, some 270 members and friends of the Institute adjourned to a tent constructed on the University Quadangles for a dinner of grilled meats, fish, and vegetables. The return of the Annual Dinner was warmly greeted by all in attendance, and the generosity of members and friends enabled the Institute to reach its goal of \$50,000 for the CAD. This amount will be matched, dollar-for-dollar, by the National Endowment for the Humanities.
