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President's Message

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since I took on the role of President of OALT/ABO. It has been quite the experience and one I wouldn't have missed for the world.

The annual conference is almost here and it should be an interesting time. The Constitutional Committee has submitted their proposal for change and this will be front and centre at the conference. There will be two scheduled sessions where delegates can ask questions about the proposal and Nanci Abbondanza and Tracy Morgan will also be available to answer questions during the Wine & Cheese reception, the lunch hours and of course, at the Annual Business Meeting. I want to thank Nanci and Tracy for their work on this committee; it is truly appreciated by all.

And speaking of the ABM, elections will be held during this time. It is not too late to nominate someone, or step forward yourself, for the Executive. I can tell you firsthand that it is a rewarding experience. Do not feel that you don't have something to contribute, or that you lack experience in this arena. You are fully supported by your peers on the executive committee and everyone is committed to seeing you succeed. Please take the time to consider running for a vacant position.

This year there will be two awards presented at the conference banquet: the OALT/ABO Presidential Award and a new award, in memory of Huronia member Judy Koenig, the OALT/ABO Award for Innovation. Nominees for both of these awards are being sought; you can find out more information on our web site, in the What's New section.

Finally, I want to thank all of those wonderful people who have helped me this past year. I couldn't have done it without you!!

Marina Dranitsaris
President

Everyone who got where he is had to begin where he was.
- Robert Louis Stevenson

**OALT/ABO 30TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
NETWORK / RÉSEAUTAGE
Seneca College Residence and Conference Centre
Toronto, Ontario
May 21 - 25, 2003**

Plans are coming together for our upcoming conference. All feedback we have received so far has been very positive. I hope by the time you are reading this newsletter, you will have registered to attend. For those of you who have registered to go to Tony n' Tina's Wedding, we will have a bus to take us downtown from the Conference Centre. For the two tours on Friday afternoon, there will also be a bus provided to get you to your tour. My committee has been working very hard to put on a wonderful program, and we are all looking forward to seeing everyone in May. Let's celebrate 30 wonderful years, and plan ahead for another 30!

Penni Chalk
Chair
NETWORK / RÉSEAUTAGE
OALT/ABO 30th Annual Conference Committee

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Marina for leadership through a difficult year of change

Vicky Lynham for doing a great job in her first year as Treasurer

Jill Anderson for her work and patience with the salary survey

Stacy Goddard for piecing together a new brochure for prospective members

The Committee for Change & Constitutional Committee

And, all members for their input in the shaping of the future of our organization
and for your current and continuing support!

(If I've missed anyone here, I'm sure I'll hear about it...)



OALT/ABO AWARD FOR INNOVATION JUDY KOENIG

When it came to the things she was passionate about, Judy Koenig was NOT a spectator. Whether it was her personal life and family, her community, her work, or OALT/ABO, Judy jumped in with both feet ready and very able. I'm sure her personal motto was "Lead, follow or get out of the way".

Judy joined Huronia Regional branch and then worked to start the library techniques program at Georgian College. When the program was up and running, she sat on the Advisory Committee and enrolled in the program; all while working at Collingwood Public Library *and* raising a family. *And*, not surprisingly, she was the first graduate of the program at Georgian College.

Judy seemed to have two favourite words. "I" and "do". Whenever Huronia was involved in a project, Judy's voice would ring out: "Shall I do that?" and "I can do that!" And she did. And she did it well.

Judy was a VERY big part of the Huronia Proposal for Change, the spirit of which, now, three years after her death, is still with us. And Judy was, as we came to find out, at the very heart of Huronia Regional Branch.

We know there are other "Judys" out there and we want you to tell us about them...

In memory of Judy Koenig, Huronia Region is pleased to award and recognize an OALT/ABO member who has done something innovative within the last two years in the workforce, for the association, or for professional development. The recipient will receive a commemorative plaque for their efforts.

Nominees should forward the name and contact information for the candidate and their OALT/ABO affiliation.

Only one person is required to sign the nomination form; if others wish to contribute to the submission, please include ALL names and each nominator's contact information.

Outline the reason you think the nominee is deserving of the award giving as much info as possible about the time involved, people affected, and the impact on the both the nominee and others. A more detailed submission will ease the decision process.

Submissions for the 2003 OALT/ABO Award for Innovation should be completed and mailed by May 1, 2003 to: Gale Moreau, 234 Duckworth Street, Barrie, Ontario L4M 3W9.

Facts that will impact the decision:

- What was the major accomplishment?
- Was it a one-time project versus an ongoing project or multiple days? (That is, a workshop versus program)
- Who were the people affected? Colleagues, patrons, the general public, the community?
- The number of people involved/impacted, how and where
- Did the nominee initiate the process?
- The time frame involved
- How was project, innovation, etc. funded; this could be an innovation in itself?!
- Any observations from others about the nominee and their actions?

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