

July 1993

News from the President

WOW!

The response to the Strategic Planning Survey has been terrific. If you haven't sent yours in yet, please do. We are at 61% response and only 6 more responses would put us at 75%. Janet and I will try to have the results ready for the September 11 meeting. Make sure your concerns are part of this important project.

See you in September.

Chris

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This poem was written as a letter to the Chief Librarian at the Owen Sound Public Library.

Dear Chief Librarian,
 Can you do
 Something about persons who
 Insist on writing in the books?

Marks in pencil and in pen,
 Commentaries which after
 are unnecessary.
 "Him and me don't know nothing, eh,"
 And, if that is how they said it,
 That is how it should be writ.

Books are for many to enjoy
 Lines and markings can destroy
 What the author means to say.
 With copying facilities at hand
 Can you make them understand
 Xerox what they really need
 So others may, with pleasure, read?

Tell literary vandals with such mores
 Leave editing to editors,
 If you must scribble as if ungrown,
 Go, buy a copy of your own.
 And if you will not toe the line
 Prepare to pay a mega fine.

I am convinced that it is of primordial importance to learn more every year than the year before. After all, what is education but a process by which a person begins to learn how to learn?
Peter Ustinov 1921- *Dear Me* [1977], ch. 13

Reflections '93

The OALT/ABO annual conference, **Reflections '93**, was indeed a time for reflection. A time to look how far the organization has come in twenty years, where we are now, and where we would like to be in both the near and distant futures. This theme was evident from the first night of the conference when a display of "historical" pictures was presented at the exhibitors' reception.

All in all the conference was excellent. The workshops I attended were among the best I have EVER attended, anywhere. The accommodations were comfortable; the food was excellent and the networking, as always, was topnotch. The entertainment was fun, too, and varied.

One of the best workshops of the entire week was delivered by one of OALT/ABO's own members, Marsha Hunt. Her presentation on customer service should be seen by many more people, both within the library field and without. Perhaps we will be fortunate enough to have her speak in our region in the not too distant future.

Our incoming president, Susann Orlando, spoke at the Annual Business Meeting about this being a time to reflect on where we are and to where we wish to move in the coming

year. She will be ably assisted in the coming year by Vice-President Barbara Cope, Secretary Penny Lee, treasurer Theresa Kennedy, and ex-officio Susan Morley. Marsha Hunt agreed to be listed as Public Relations Co-ordinator on the official documents, but has resigned as of June 01, 1993. Anyone know anyone who might be interested in the job? Marsha has done an excellent job of paving the way for her successor.

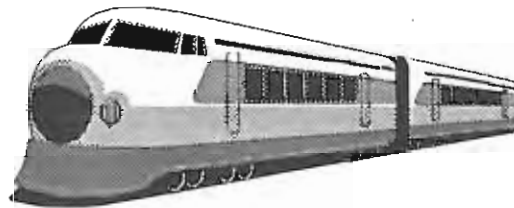
One last comment... 20 year OALT/ABO pins are still available from the Ottawa branch; they are very attractive and the price is right, \$5.00 I will forward any orders and pick up pins at the October Board of Directors' meeting, so call me anytime to order.

Next year the annual conference, **Revolutions '94** will be hosted by Halton-Peel region at Erindale college in Mississauga. The dates to mark on your calendar are Wednesday, May 25 to Sunday, May 29, 1994.

In summary, I would like to thank the membership for allowing me to represent you at the conference. It was great... and the train was fun, too!!!

Judy Koenig

May 1994						
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In the Human Cause: CLA Conference 1993

In the Human Cause was the theme of the 1993 CLA conference held in Hamilton ON from June 16-20. From the opening presentations on Native issues to the greetings brought from the President of the UK Library Association at the annual meeting we were reminded of this theme. Patricia Glass Schuman, former ALA President, spoke about the campaign they took to raise support for libraries in the USA. Librarians [and library technicians should be included in this] need to be seen by the public and governing bodies as the gateway to information not just the keeper of books.

It was exciting to see people who I only see once a year from all parts of Canada. Visits to the exhibit hall are an important part of the conference, although it is sometimes hard to work it all in.

The best workshop I attended was the one sponsored by the Library Technicians' Interest group *First Aid for Stress*. The conference Speaker Close-up describes him well.

"Original, witty, practical, sympathetic — George Koblyk's workshops on stress are in hot demand. His warm appreciation of librarians has made him a special favourite of library audiences. This professor of psychology at Mohawk College shares his tool kit of techniques that work in our frazzled world." The

three hours were really packed with information. We all agreed that there are many stressors in all our lives. Often it is the little things that add up that can cause difficulties. For many there, the *Social Contract* is currently one of the big stressors in our lives. The not knowing and the feeling of not being in control of the situation adds to the stress. The handout received, is filled with techniques and ways of looking at and coping with stress in a person's life. A very good bibliography is also included.

Françoise Hebert is the incoming CLA president. Membership fees are changing and will go to a one price fee except for students, new members, unemployed and retired members who receive a discounted price. The price changes will be phased in for some categories.

Next year's theme is **Delivering quality in tough times.**

"Times are tough. More information is being published than ever before, information technologies offer exciting but cash-hungry possibilities, users are more demanding, budgets are overwhelmed, staff are stretched to the limit. Change is the only constant, and the future will demand that we do more with less." Next year the conference will be in Vancouver BC from June 14 to 18.

Janet Iles

Welcome new student members!


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**Mark September 11
1993 on your
calendars for an all
day fall meeting and
workshop in the Oak
Room at Georgian
College in Barrie. We
will host the
students at 3 p.m.
Details to be
announced. Plan to
attend.**

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CONFERENCE WORD SEARCH: FIND THE FOLLOWING WORDS (Words may go in any direction)

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| Award | Halton-Peel | Networking | Talta |
| Banquet | Honouraria | Notes | Thunder Bay |
| Carleton | Hosts | Ottawa | Tours |
| Daily | Huronia | Party | Travel |
| Delegates | Intense | Presidential | Twentieth |
| Depart | Interesting | Reflections | Welcome |
| Elections | Lohania | Regions | Wine |
| Enjoy | Luggage | Register | Workshops |
| Executive | May | Renew | |
| Exhibitors | Meals | Rooms | |
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