

Words from the President

One of the duties of a President is to provide a few words of wisdom/encouragement/inspiration for our newsletter. Writing does not come easily for me (I went into the library field for the technical services challenge not the literary) and my Muse refuses to come to my rescue. According to Webster "muse" can also mean, besides 'poetic inspiration', (a) n. 'a fit of abstraction'; or (b) vi. 'to be absent in mind'. Either definition would be more applicable to me these days.

I am sorry I did not make it to the workshop on the Internet. I hear that there was good representation. I am sure Gale conducted the meeting that followed very ably. Thank-you, Gale.

To Janet Iles, I humbly apologize. This very busy lady should not have had to phone the President on a Sunday afternoon to gently jog her memory about a long over-due piece for the newsletter that she has so capably put together for quite some time now. It looks very professional. "[We]’ve come a long way baby".

Owen Sound will not be able to host the Annual meeting in March. I have arranged to have it at the Orangeville Public Library. More details on time and place will be forthcoming.

I am looking forward to seeing all members, old and new, at the annual Christmas get-together in Collingwood.

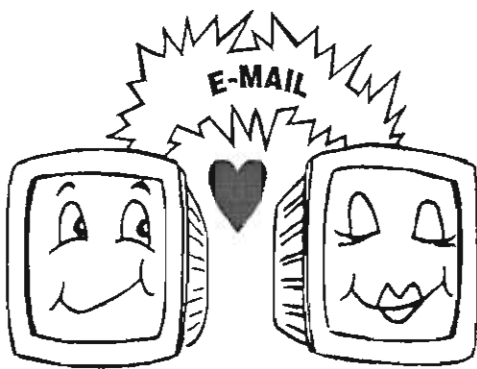
Janet Scheibler

Congratulations, Judy!

Hurononia Region is very proud of our own member, Judy Koenig who was named the 1994 Presidential Award winner. Judy's contributions to the association, at both the regional and provincial level, were recognized at this year's conference at Erindale College. Unfortunately, Judy was unable to attend the banquet and was not present when the announcement was made. Janet Scheibler made the presentation of the plaque to Judy

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Internet Workshop

A very successful Internet workshop was held on October 1st at the Simcoe County Board of Education building. Dr. Tom Stiff gave an excellent demonstration of some of the possibilities for communication and information via the Internet. He told how all the secondary schools in Simcoe County will soon be linked to the Internet. An alternative source of information that is now available to the students is getting communications from the many satellites, which are orbiting the globe. Members present indicated to Gale Moreau who organized this workshop that they would be interested in an intermediate level workshop with hands on experience. Once the board has its new equipment installed late this fall, we hope that a follow-up workshop could be a possibility for spring 1995. As libraries become part of free nets and other networks it is important that we have an understanding of the possibilities and problems posed by connecting to the Internet.

A short meeting followed at Georgian College. Unfortunately, we were unable to host a reception for the students since courses for Library Technicians were not currently in session.

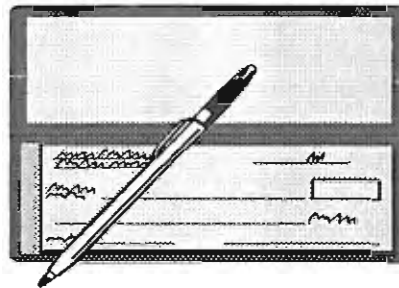
Membership Renewal

For all those who have not yet renewed for 1994-1995, be sure to send your membership form and cheque to:

Ann Wittaker

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before November 15 to get your name in the membership directory coming out early in 1995. If you can't find your form or would like extras for friends and colleagues call Ann at home 519-941-7429.



Renew now so you don't miss out on future issues of *Networks* and the provincial newsletter *Newsletter/Nouvelles*.

Library Automation in our Region

The Orangeville Public Library Board has given the go ahead for the library to begin the automation process. They are undertaking weeding and an inventory of the collection.

Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library continue to work toward automation of their library with an implementation of circulation for spring 1995. Chris Carmichael and Janet Iles are spending many hours building the database. Recon is being done in-

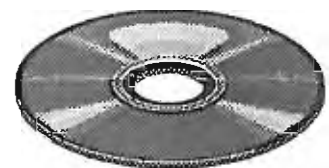
house by these two using the Syllabus CD-ROM, a database of the holdings of the member libraries of the Ontario Library Consortium. To prepare for automation and renovations the library will be closed for about 2 weeks starting March 20, 1995.

What systems are libraries using in our region? Let us know what you are doing?

For those of you who have had automated circulation and catalogue systems for awhile, do you have any advice for us who are new to this? How did you help your public get familiar with the OPACs? Any resistance? Is there something you wish you had done, but didn't and vice versa?

CD-ROM Databases

Does your library have CD-ROM databases? Which ones? Are they available to the public to search? Are they on stand alone machines or are they networked? Are they accessible from your OPACs? Please contact Janet Iles at 519-376-2105 (home) or fax 519-376-7170. Information will be shared in an upcoming newsletter.



Information wanted

Is any library in our region currently operating *Geac (Advance)*? If you are, please contact Judy Koenig at Collingwood Public Library right away. home: 705-444-1076 or at the library 705-445-1571

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See page two for membership reminder. Updates will be included in the next newsletter. We need you! The change to a new membership year seems to be catching members unawares. In the past the annual meeting was the reminder to renew.

Welcome back Pat Frook & Evelyn Wright. We welcome as a new member Susan Willmer.

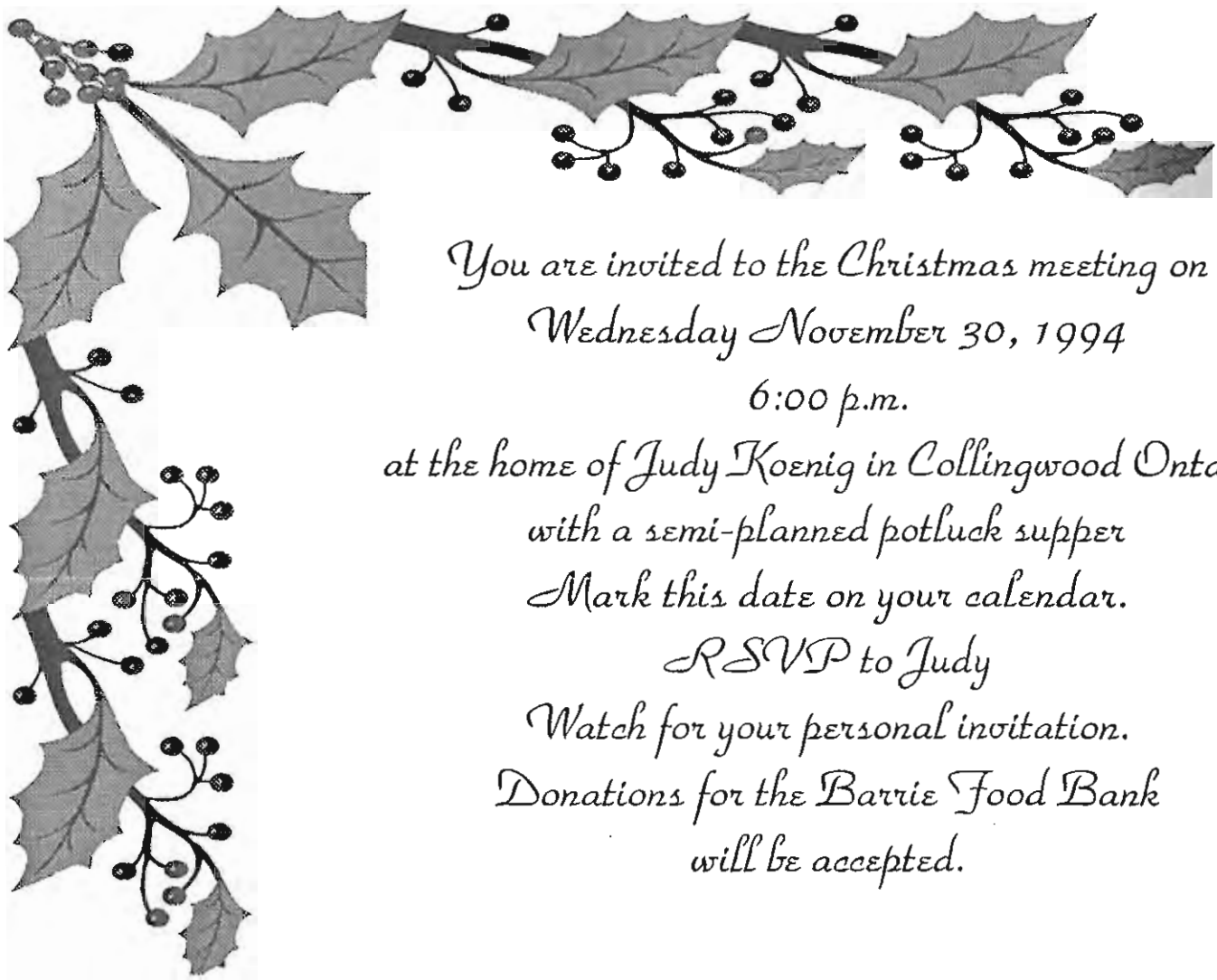


Ideas wanted

The Board of Directors is seeking ideas concerning grants to assist OALT/ABO member(s) to attend the annual OALT/ABO conference. Is it a good idea? What criteria should be set? How much should be available? Who would be eligible? How many grants could be offered in a year? Please respond to Judy Koenig *before November 15*. She wants to hear your ideas. Don't let Judy down.

Samuel Johnson 1709-1784 said:

No place affords a more striking conviction of the vanity of human hopes than a public library.
The Rambler† [March 23, 1751]



*You are invited to the Christmas meeting on
Wednesday November 30, 1994
6:00 p.m.*

*at the home of Judy Koenig in Collingwood Ontario
with a semi-planned potluck supper
Mark this date on your calendar.*

*RSVP to Judy
Watch for your personal invitation.
Donations for the Barrie Food Bank
will be accepted.*

Georgian College

For those who have not heard yet, Janet Arnett is no longer the programme supervisor for the Library and Information Technician Programme. Janet is now working for Georgian in the Midland office. She has been replaced by Lesley Gordon.

I have completed my time on the advisory committee. I found it to be very interesting to be part of the decision making process that determined what the students are learning in this programme. Is there anyone interested in representing OALT/ABO on this committee? Please contact me or Lesley Gordon.

Janet Iles

Congratulations Pat

As a follow-up to the city of Owen Sound's strategic plan the "Long Service Recognition Program" was established to recognize those employees who have worked for the city for 25 plus years. A ceremony was held recently to honour those employees who have reached this milestone. After a buffet breakfast and a guest speaker each employee was presented with a watch with the city crest and a framed certificate. Pat Froom was honoured on this occasion. She has worked at the Owen Sound Public Library for the past 25 years. As administrative assistant, she performs varied tasks.

Please remember to send news re our members to the newsletter editor.