



News from the President

Happy New Year everyone!

It was great to see (almost) everyone at the Christmas social, (Olive and Bill... sorry you missed the party). Great weather...that was certainly a first. The caterer gets top marks from me. Shall we do it again next year?

I hope everyone had a great holiday and is now well rested and ready to take on 1998.

There is not a lot to tell you. We have good and sad/bad news within the region.

:) Good news...Janet Scheibler is now retired and has "taken to the road" in search of adventure. Olive delivered my message, on behalf of the region, to Janet at her retirement dinner, December 21th. [see page 2]

:)... Bill Land(ed) himself a job at INFOABILITY in Toronto. This means a move for Bill, but his entire life is now sorted and alphabetized, and he needs to get back to work. Congratulations Bill, and keep in touch.

:(Sad/bad news Carol MacDonald has left the library field, not because she really wanted to, but because the Toronto Libraries merger was going to force her out. We wish you well Carol...e-mail us once in a while.

That's all the news fit to print. I hope to see everyone at the Annual Meeting in March.

Gale

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**Message to Janet Scheibler delivered by Olive Vousden
at Janet's retirement party.**

Janet,

On behalf of all your friends at the Huronia Regional Branch of the Ontario Association of Library Technicians, I would like to offer our warmest congratulations as you breeze past this milestone.

Your friends have gathered here to honour you tonight, so there is no need for me to extoll your virtues ... they already know. But I must say that you have always been an active, caring, and sharing member of Huronia Region, and the provincial association. You have always been there for us, sharing your point of view, insight, information and expertise. We thank you.

As you embark on this, the next chapter of your life, we extend our very best wishes. Enjoy...you've earned it!

Gale Moreau

President

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P.S. You're excused from the March meeting, but...the barbeque is in June...

Life is peaks and valleys. It's surviving those valleys that makes the peaks worthwhile.

Billy Ray Cyrus



Internet connections

In honour of Ground Hog Day on February 2nd, I invite you to visit a fun site that of Wiarton Willie located at www.wiarton-willie.org/welcome. Although that is the URL I have had some problems approaching it from that angle so go to www.bmts.com and select Wiarton Willie from there. This site has lots of information about this special day. As a special bonus it also allows you to send postcards to your friends from this site.

One site I have used while doing the OALT/ABO memberships is the Postal Code look up site at www.westminster.ca/cdnlook.htm. You can put in the address and get the postal code, or you can put in the postal code and find the range of addresses that it covers. Filling in forms seems to be hard for everyone. I struggle with software registration forms. Numerous

forms lacked postal codes so I made good use of this site. From this site you can also access the American zip codes.

If you are looking for toll free numbers check www.canadatollfree.sympatico.ca

Staff in public and school libraries often cringe when they think of the Canadian scientists project. There has been very little written about them. At www.science.ca there are 150 profiles of Canadian scientists of which 20 are in-depth descriptions. This site may help with this problem.

Do you need to find a quote from a Shakespearean play? The fine print of the large concordance at our library makes it a challenge to find the quote a patron is seeking. I found the following site easy to

use. Put in only the key words since the patron has likely misquoted what he was looking for. www.ke.com.au/cgi-bin/texthtml?form=Shake You may find this server a popular site because when I tried to use it again I got the server busy message. For Shakespeare lovers check <http://daphne.palomar.edu/shakespeare> for links to other sites.

A site for teacher librarians and those who work with children is found at www.geocities.com/Athens/Olympus/1333/resource.htm. and for the children www.geocities.com/Athens/1333/kids.htm

Don't forget to let me know about your favourite sites.

Virtual Library — Coming soon to a library near you?

"Network 2000 is a strategy of the Strategic Directions Council (SDC) to create the electronic, or virtual, public library thereby connecting Ontarians to the global information highway through their public libraries. This is a vast concept that has implications for the dissemination of information in all formats, the development of the network infrastructure throughout Ontario, the development and provision of new electronic services through public libraries using Internet technology and the Internet as the delivery platform, and the creation of new revenue streams for libraries." *This is the dream.* In our area the libraries in Midland, Owen Sound, and Orangeville are in group one and Barrie and Collingwood are in group two to be Point of Presence Libraries. The biggest obstacles for the local libraries is the high cost of a dedicated 56 K line. Stay tuned for more information.

Annual Meeting

March 28th 1998 at 10:00 am
at the Thornbury Public Library
Coffee and tour of this
award winning library in the morning
Lunch out

Annual meeting with election in the afternoon
President and Director needed for 1998-1999

Are you willing to take your turn?

Plan to attend

More information to follow

Words from your editor/archivist

Thanks to Judy & Lynda for hosting the Christmas social. Judy's home looked festive with two beautifully decorated Christmas trees. The food was delicious. It was a great treat not to prepare and bring something but to be able to sit back and enjoy the gourmet meal. I give my vote that we do that again for Christmas 1998.

I have prepared three lists of executive members of Huronia. — one is in order by year, one is in order by position and the other is in order by person. When you look at the list most of our current members have held many positions over many years. If you have never held office, please consider this your opportunity. It is fun and there is not too much work involved. It looks good on a resume when you want to show some of your leadership skills. J!

I've travelled the world twice over,
Met the famous: saints and sinners,
Poets and artists, kings and queens,
Old stars and hopeful beginners,
I've been where no-one's been before,
Learned secrets from writers and cooks
All with one library ticket*
To the wonderful world of books.

Janice James

*term used in Britain for library card

