



From the President

May 20th was a sad day for Huronia. Although we had marked joys and sorrows with various members in the past, this time the sorrow was felt by all. Judy Koenig's passing has left a big hole in Huronia region. Judy was an integral part of Huronia Region Branch, and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Things around Huronia have been fairly quiet so far this year. The May 27th meeting in Owen Sound was a success. We met new member Pat Haseman and initiated her in a "trial by sorting" (and made a big mess in Janet's new kitchen, no permanent damage!). Yes, the Huronia archives are now sorted and have been moved to their new home at "Watson House". Thanks Cindy, we know you'll keep them in line.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful summer. See you in the fall!

Gale

Future Issues

Please submit articles etc. to your newsletter editor. Please let it live up to its name. JJ

OALT/ABO Membership Year — 2000-2001

Have you sent in your renewal? Be aware that the process will now take longer since Chris Carmichael retired from the position of Provincial Treasurer in May. It is now a 3 part process.

- 1 Provincial mailbox is emptied and then when a number of forms have been received they are forwarded to the Treasurer.
- 2 Treasurer has to process what is received and then mail information to the Membership Person and then
- 3 The Membership Co-ordinator must add information to the databases, prepare receipts, cards and labels and then send you your membership package.

I received the first batch today from the treasurer but I was surprised to find no Huronia renewals despite the fact I know many of you have renewed. I am tracking this down. JJ

October 14th

Mark your calendars for a meeting on the morning of 14th of October in Collingwood. To date we have been unable to find an affordable speaker re ergonomics.

You will be notified of specific details as soon as they come available. JJ



Internet connections

Barrie Public Library's catalogue is now on the Internet — www2.library.barrie.on.ca The last few months Cindy Watson has been very busy cleaning up temporary records so that the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library catalogue can also be searchable on the Internet in the year 2001.

OALT/ABO's web site has moved to www.oaltabo.on.ca In the spring the web site was updated and given a new look. Halton-Peel is requesting suggestions for the conference in the year 2001. There is an online questionnaire. Check out the dates and plan to attend. Please contribute your favourite web-sites for this column.

Judith Koenig

Judy Koenig will always be part of Huronia because Judy was one those who helped "build" Huronia region. Judy was the first graduate of the Georgian College Library Technician program, a program she worked hard to bring to the college. Judy was active on Huronia's executive and was always jumping in and saying "I can do that!", (and she did and it was always done quickly and done well). The one thing we ALL remember with so many happy memories, is the annual Christmas Social at Judy's home. Judy and Wes opened their wonderfully decorated, festive home to us every year and that put us all in the mood for Christmas.

We miss you Judy, and sadly, even now, we don't realize just how much. As Huronia moves forward I know we will have those feelings of "deja vu" in those moments when we can hear in our heads what you would say about whatever we are discussing; moments when that thought runs through our minds... "Judy will know". Judy, know that we miss you! *Gale*

Judy was an active member of the Library Technician Advisory Committee at Georgian College, first serving as the student representative and then as a graduate of the programme. She helped design the children's literature course and worked on many of the programme revisions as the committee strived to maintain an up-to-date curriculum. For a number of years I served on this committee with Judy and I admired her willingness to take on many tasks. It was great travelling the road from Collingwood to Barrie return with her. During one terrible snow storm and I was the driver she kept saying that we were almost to Collingwood just to be encouraging and also because we couldn't see where we were. Needless to say I took up Judy's offer to stay the night.

The other day I was talking to one Collingwood Public Library member who said that Judy is greatly missed at the library.

Judy touched the lives of her family, friends, colleagues, and her community. *Janet I.*