



From the President

Hurononia held its annual meeting in Collingwood again this year. While the turnout was small, there was a new face in the crowd. New member Margaret Fleetwood joined us for the day and we were all very pleased to see her smiling face. Welcome Margaret! Margaret works at the Caledon Public Library and lives in Alliston.

The annual reports were presented, but the election of officers has been deferred until the June 9th meeting. By that time we will have had time to digest the info from the Committee for Change, and as a group, make a decision about the future of this region. In the meantime we are trying to stay upbeat and positive about Hurononia.

Please mark June 9th on your calendar as the tentative date for the next meeting. We are hoping to have the meeting at the newly reorganized Simcoe County Law Library. Talk it up at work, and feel free to bring a friend.

After the meeting we moved our "show" down the street to the Spike and Spoon. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch and "networked" over dessert (we used our spoons!!) Everyone enjoyed the meal and the atmosphere of the old Victorian house, and, I think I can safely say, that no one would object to the Spike and Spoon as the location for the next Christmas social.

That brings you up to date with what is happening in

Hurononia. Please keep in touch via email and we'll see you all in June.

Gale

P.S. Late breaking news...we have another new member...Welcome Christine Maxwell, at the Simcoe County Library.

Director's Report

Over the past year, I have attended all Board of Directors and Executive meetings either in person or via teleconference. The meeting in April was a combined board and strategic planning meeting open to all members. Gale Moreau attended with me for Hurononia Regional Branch. At that meeting a plan was developed to investigate the future of the association triggered by the "Hurononia Proposal". At the annual meeting in Kemptonville, the Committee for Change 2001 was struck and given a specific mandate and time frame with a final presentation due at the annual business meeting in May 2001. Unfortunately, it appears that this committee has done nothing and is going nowhere. There was no report delivered in January as required and still no report for the March board meeting. I fear for the direction and the future of the organization as a whole and of individual branches in the province. Initiatives taken by the board and the executive over

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the past year include investigating member benefits such as insurance, distribution of the provincial newsletter electronically, distribution of the salary survey electronically and updated new web site. The association is continuing to solicit corporate sponsorship to underwrite the cost of the web site, phone and fax line and various mail outs to members.

At the OLA conference we were a visible presence once again. We also offered a special rate during the conference. As a result of that initiative HRB has one new member — Lynn Patkau.

Thank you for letting me represent this region for the past year and thank you all for your continued support. I will continue to represent Huronia Regional Branch until decisions regarding this branch or regional elections are held in June.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Henry, Director.

Treasurer's & Archivist Annual Report

I respectfully submit my annual report for the year March 2000-March 2001.

Our membership presently stands at 15 members. This total breaks down as follows — 11 graduates, 1 student, 1 full associate, 1 associate, 1 institutional membership.

Our term deposit investment certificate totalling \$2,647.32 matures September 30, 2001. This certificate is redeemable prior to maturity, with the interest added to the principal upon redemption. The following rates are applicable to early redemption.

From 0-90 days	0%
91-365 days	4.10%
366-544 days	4.60%
545-555 days	5.10%

Please find attached OALT/ABO Huronia Branch final financial statement for March 2001. Final balance in account 923-4 OALT Huronia Branch is

\$570.02 as of March 17, 2001.

Archives continue to be housed in my attic where they are enjoying the new gas fireplace.

I would be happy to serve another term as treasurer if this is acceptable to all members.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Watson, Treasurer & Archivist

Financial Statement Hurononia Regional Branch — March 2001		
INCOME		
Starting Balance		+ 1429.11
Membership Fees	+ 320.00	
Total Income		+1479.11
EXPENSES		
P. Henry (conference fees)	800.00	
P. Henry (Misc. Fees)	8.09	
Donation to provincial level toward directory postage costs	300.00	
Donation to Collingwood Public Library Expansion Fund in memory of Judy Koenig	50.00	
Bank Charges	21.00	
Total Expenses		-1179.09
Balance on hand		+570.02
In addition there is a term deposit of \$2,647.32 with maturity date of September 3, 2001.		

Presidents Annual Report

This past year has been a **very** difficult one for Huronia. We began the year on a low note. Our Huronia Proposal was front and centre with the entire OALT/ABO membership, making us unpopular with some; and regionally we were less than optimistic about our future.

On April 1, 2000, Director Pat Henry and I, along with Provincial Executive members Chris Carmichael and Janet Iles, attended the discussion meeting in Toronto. We came away from this meeting feeling a little better. Several individuals thanked Huronia for our courage in bringing the proposal forward, and Sudbury and Lohania admitted to being in much the same situation. At the meeting it was agreed that we needed to take a serious look at the organization, and that a "Committee for Change" would be struck, and would report at the 2001 conference. Our spirits were lifted.

On May 20, 2000, Huronia Region suffered a devastating loss. The death of Judy Koenig stunned us all, and we are still recovering. Judy was **always** actively involved in this region and her passing has been traumatic for a region already questioning its viability. Judy was to have been the chair of the Committee for Change, (something that gave us hope) and without her, a lot of the fight has gone out of this region.

On May 27, we met at Janet Iles' home in Owen Sound. The bright spot of the day was meeting new member Pat Haseman. The main purpose of this day was to sort the Huronia archives and ready them for the trip to their new home at the Watson residence. The secondary purpose was to see Janet's new kitchen. The day was a success, the archives are sorted, and the kitchen is beautiful!

On October 14 we tried our hand at a workshop once again. Although the numbers were low, the response was very positive. Normand Belanger from the Education Safety Association of Ontario gave a very informative workshop on his organization as a whole and workplace ergonomics in particular. I know we

all took home at least one piece of new information. I proclaim the day a success!

Unfortunately our "good weather fairy godmother" went to Florida this year and the annual Christmas social had to be cancelled. Well, we knew we would have to pay for those years when everyone made it to the social because of **good** weather. Luckily, we are going to be able to simulate the Christmas social at the Spike 'n' Spoon at lunch today.

Not a lot has changed over the year. Our future doesn't look any brighter, but we are determined to "hang in" until we hear from the Committee for Change. I hope the membership's decision to defer elections until after the annual conference will mean that if we go ahead as a region, we move forward in a positive way with a new sense of direction and renewed enthusiasm. Whatever the outcome, I think we can be sure that Huronia Region will be remembered for a long time to come, and if not...we'll go out in a blaze of glory!!

Respectfully submitted,

Gale Moreau

March 17, 2001

Newsletter Editor's

During 2000-2001 three issues of volume 21 of *Networks* were produced. Now if you look at your issues you will notice there was a tiny numbering problem. Please change the official copies – March 2000 - Volume 21, number 1; September 2000 - Volume 21, number 2; February 2001 - Volume 21 number 3.

The March issue included the reports of the executive. The September issue was only two pages long and it included a tribute to Judy Koenig. The February issue included a challenge to Huronia. All issues included words from our President - Gale Moreau and Internet Connections - Janet Iles. There were no other contributions. If *Networks* is going to live up to its name, contributions from other members are needed

and requested.-- Internet sites, what is happening in your library, your biography, etc.; the future of OALT/ ABO and Huronia. How about an article about your impression of other libraries you've visited?

Respectfully submitted by

Janet Iles
Newsletter Editor

June Meeting Saturday, **June 9, 2001**

Barrie ON

Simcoe County Law Society — Li-
brary

Watch for details via email or mail.

Arlene LeBlanc — My Biography

Originally, pursuing a 5 year honours co-operative degree of geography at the university of Waterloo, my fondest and most satisfying memories on campus, were of going to the Dana Porter Arts Library reserve reading room and sneaking glances at the Rare Book Library. There were restricted admittance signs to this library which housed Waterloo's oldest historical and archival records of settlement in a climate controlled environment. Well instead of a 5 year, I did achieve a 3 year general BES (Bachelor of Environmental Studies) in geography in 1987.

In the midst of my university career I also took some health science courses. At this time, I was laying my own foundation for a diagnosis of manic depression which brought me back to my parents' home in Barrie. Being surrounded by seven sisters, half of whom hadn't graduated high school yet, was not a good enough reason to stop trying (at least to get out of the house occasionally!). So I decided to page at the Barrie Public Library. Unfortunately all the other pages were high school age so I began to strike up conversations with the reference library staff. The fact

that a part-time diploma program for Library and Information Technician existed at Georgian College practically had me skipping out of my parents' house to enroll.

Between waitressing part-time, going to school part-time and living on my own, I had some control back. The opportunity to visit the Simcoe County Law Library as part of a class field trip presented itself one weekend. That same weekend, my entire family was driving to Washington D.C. to watch my next younger sister graduate from Gaulladet University. Without any hesitation, I opted for the law library field trip.

The formal and special setting of the law library proved also to be a work placement and later a part-time position as a file clerk in April 1992. Since completing the diploma in 1996. I've enjoyed taking up other hobbies in my spare time: including, baby quilt (for my nieces and nephews), Christmas crafts, cross-stitching, walking and scrabble with a competitive partner.

Thanks Arlene for your biography. Arlene volunteered to write the above. I was very pleased to receive her phone call and encourage others to submit articles for publication. Internet Connections has not been included in this issue.