

# OALT/ABO

## NIAGARA REGIONAL BRANCH

### Newsletter

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#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday season, and that the 80's will prove to be a decade of real growth for the Niagara Regional Branch of OALT/ABO.

The Christmas dinner meeting was a success, and here are the names of the lucky winners of our draw:

1st Prize - Mary Colouhoun

2nd Prize - Brenda Ilmas

3rd Prize - Mrs. Aldrey

Door Prize - Glenn Duly

#### VOICE YOUR OPINION!

Barb Murphy is now our representative on the Advisory Committee of the Library Technician Program at Niagara College. If you have any suggestions as to how the course can be improved, tell Barb.

#### NEW GUIDELINES TO BE ESTABLISHED

OALT/ABO is participating in updating the guidelines for the education of Library Technicians, put out by the colleges and universities. The Niagara executive met to discuss this, and has submitted their ideas to Sue Williamson. She will compile all of the region's ideas and present them to the Ministry. OALT/ABO's ideas will then be discussed by an Ad Hoc Committee, along with ideas from other associations. The guidelines will be revised in the late spring of 1980, incorporating many of these ideas.

#### OTTAWA CONFERENCE

"Inforama '80" is the theme of the Annual OALT/ABO Conference to be held in Ottawa from May 7-10. More information will be available soon regarding programmes, registration and events. We urge everyone to keep these dates free and plan to attend the conference.

#### CHANGES!

Please read the enclosed constitution for the next general meeting. There will be some changes proposed by the Executive Committee. If you have any suggestions, please contact Andrew at 357-4570, or bring your ideas to the meeting.

#### PAYING YOUR DUES

It's that time of year again! For those who are unfamiliar with our membership fees, here they are:

Full membership	\$20.00
Associate Membership	\$16.00
Student Membership	\$ 6.00
Institutional Membership	\$35.00

Please fill out the enclosed membership form and send it, along with your cheque or money order to:

Niagara Regional Branch, OALT/ABO  
P.O. Box 611  
Niagara Falls, Ontario L2E 6V5

Or, bring the form (and money!) to the next meeting. Hope to see you there!

NEXT MEETING

The next general meeting of NRB will be held on Monday, February 25, 1980, at the Niagara Falls Community Resources Centre on Victoria Avenue. It will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the boardroom.

PLAN TO ATTEND!

Election of officers for 1980-81 will be the highlight of the meeting. Please consider running for office - it's a great experience!

A draw will also be featured at the meeting. A copy of "Between the Stacks" will be raffled off.

After the meeting, we will adjourn to a local establishment for liquid refreshments.

RUN FOR OFFICE!

A new executive will be elected at the next meeting. The following positions are available:

PRESIDENT

PUBLICITY CO-ORDINATOR

SECRETARY

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

TREASURER

OUR NEXT GOAL

The new goal of NRB is to host the 1981 Annual Conference of OALT/ABO. In order to make this a reality, we need your support. Please take part and contribute your time and ideas.

A TIMELY THOUGHT

WHO ME?

There's a clever young fellow named Somebody Else,  
There's nothing this fellow can't do,  
He's busy from morning 'til way late at night,  
Just substituting for you.

When asked to do this or asked to do that,  
So often you're set to reply,  
Get Somebody Else, Mr. Chairman,  
He'll do it better than I.

There's so much to do in our group,  
So much, and the workers are few,  
And Somebody Else gets weary and worn,  
Just substituting for you.

So next time you're asked to do something worthwhile,  
Come up with this honest reply,  
If Somebody Else can give his time and support,  
It's obviously true, so can I.

(Ernie Reimueller, Dayton Ohio Chapter)

THOUGHTS ON 1979

As Newsletter Editor for 1979, I have tried to keep the members of the Niagara Regional Branch of OALT/ABO in touch with events and happenings both locally and across the province. I would like to see an editorial committee formed this year so that the newsletter will be more interesting to the members. With more people contributing ideas and articles, I feel that the newsletter will be greatly improved; it's your newsletter, and you can help to make it a better one.

*Barb*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who have worked with me during the last year. Liz Aldrey, Glenn Duly, Cathy Simon and Barb Murphy have all done tremendous work in carrying out their duties. They have all helped to prepare a varied and stimulating programme of workshops, lectures, and social events.

At the February meeting, a new executive will be elected. It is my great hope that we will elect a new group of people with fresh ideas and approaches, to make NRB even better than it has been. I would love to see this new group decide to concentrate on hosting the annual conference in 1981, which is still open as yet. The gain in holding this conference would not only be the satisfaction of knowing that we can do as well as the rest of the regions, but would also be financial. Good profits have been made by the regions hosting in previous years, and we should be no exception.

In closing, I would like to once again thank the people whom I have worked with, and thank the members for having put up with me for the last two years.

Andrew Porteus, President