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EDITOR'S NOTE

This combined issue of Apropos comes as a result of many 'good' reasons such as lack of submissions to the newsletter, computer problems and, "gasp!", a lack of enthusiasm by the editor.

As summer comes to an end, I hope members of OALT/ABO have rested and will be full of great ideas as the Sudbury region plans its 1989/1990 year and Apropos prepares for four more issues.

ELECTIONS 1989

Guess who?

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NETWORKING - Making contacts count

On Tuesday, March 7th, Joan Mount, Associate Professor for the School of Commerce at Laurentian University spoke to a small group on networking.

She described networking as interpersonal relations in a structured sense with people you care about. Contact with people anywhere may lead to an opportunity for you to gain some knowledge and skills but more importantly, you should be prepared to give of your skills and knowledge.

Associations, like OALT/ABO, for example provide a forum for information exchange and problem solving but that isn't enough. Joan Mount believes you should be making your presence felt everywhere - at conferences, reunions, receptions, professional and sporting occasions. Handing out a business card and keeping those that are given to you for future reference is one way to keep in touch with valuable people. Keeping in touch with

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acquaintances by sending letters, notes, etc. shows you care about people and you want them to keep you in mind. If you want people to remember you, become an advocate or involved in a cause.

Marketing yourself is the key to the success of networking

M Fuchs

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Board/Executive meeting held April 15, 1989

Both the Board policies and the Duties of DALI/ABO Administration were revised and updated.

Next meeting will be June 24, 1989 at the Cambridge Motor Hotel in Toronto. This meeting will be a brainstorming session with the past and present administration.

Upcoming DALI/ABO CONFERENCES:

May 13-16, 1990
Pathways/Sentiers '90
Geneva Park, Orillia
Hosted by the Huronia Regional Branch

1991
Toronto
Hosted by TALIA

Lakehead University will not be bringing their library courses to Laurentian University as planned for the fall of 1989 since funding was not approved. For further information, you may contact Raymond Bonin at Laurentian University.

The Executive/Board of Directors will investigate the possibility of creating an English/French, French/English lexicon geared specifically to DALI/ABO. This project might prove helpful for consistency and accuracy in our internal reports and documents. Bette Gore and Paulette Burton have volunteered to investigate this matter.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Held at this year's conference on June 2, 1989

1989/90 Provincial Executive:

President
Susan Morley (TALIA)

Vice-President
Bette Gore (Sudbury)

Secretary
Corinne Symons (Lohania)

Treasurer
Sharon Wigney (Sudbury)

Public Relations
Marsha Delahunt (Halton-Peel)

Pat Kiteley has decided to stay on as Newsletter Editor, with an assistant, Linda Davis (Sudbury)

It was suggested that the Board of Directors/Executive establish an Ad-Hoc Committee with guidelines. This decision arose when Pat Kiteley suggested that DALI/ABO become politically active by adopting a theme every year. That we do lobbying for the kind of future we want as individuals.

A motion for the Political Awareness Committee was made regarding issues to be addressed, along with deadline dates. Co-chairpersons will be Christiane Lamoureux (Ottawa) and Ron Cheney (Halton-Peel).

P Burton

PRESENTING YOURSELF

Spring workshop
April 22, 1989
Highlights

Media Communication

Nervous about promoting activities through media interviews? On April 22, John Farrington, Sudbury Star's Managing Editor, attempted to help relieve this type of tension. Speaking to 15 people from various careers, Mr. Farrington elaborated on the necessities of conciseness and brevity to keep a reader's attention. Anecdotes on the results of not being prepared for interviews interested those present, as did the times when potential disasters were avoided through good editing and writing.

With ninety minutes not being nearly sufficient for many in attendance, Mr. Farrington offered the assistance of the Sudbury editors. They can help in establishing guidelines for groups who wish to use print media for promotional purposes. Just what types of events and/or information would be of interest to the readership is best discussed with one of the editors. Advance notice of special events increases

the chances of an item being seen in print.

For anyone who may have missed this session, but who would be interested in more information, please contact Mr. John Farrington, Managing Editor, Sudbury Star, 33 Mackenzie St., Sudbury, Ont. P3C 4Y1, 674-5271.

Dress for Success

'Power suit' be gone-welcome comfort and practicality! Helen Ghent, of Sudbury's Diet Centre spoke to 15 interested women on dressing for success in their occupation. Skirts or suits are not the only criteria - suitability to the task at hand is today's guide. When properly dressed, an individual's full attention can be given to their job. Otherwise, concern over soiling clothes, adjusting a fit, or tripping on shoelaces may interfere with concentration levels. Mrs. Ghent pointed out that seeing numerous minor adjustments being made to clothing detracts from the overall picture, regardless of style. An image of efficiency, suitability, and reliability can be created by being clean, neat, and appropriately attired. Even jeans are considered 'successful' dress if the job demands much activity which would destroy other clothes.

Jewelry cannot be ignored, as it can be distracting with its noise, or even dangerous if long and dangly for someone using various equipment.

One of the workshop's highlights was seeing a travel wardrobe, good for a few days, which Mrs Ghent used recently. Her 'mix and match' clothing allowed for everything from comfortable travel to a reception with the Governor-General - all in only 4 pieces (plus accessories). After this, packing for the conference without overdoing it will be a delightful change!

Mrs Ghent can be contacted through the Diet Centre at 111 Larch St., Sudbury, P3E 4T5, 673-7272.

CONFERENCE BURSARY

Bette Gore was the recipient of the Sudbury Region's 1989 conference bursary. This bursary is awarded annually to a SRB member to enable her/him to attend the conference. 1989 marks the third year the bursary has been available to applicants.

MEMBER PROFILE

Eleanor Clarke, Kapuskasing

Graduating with the third group of Library Technicians from Cambrian College in 1971, my life in libraries has been interesting. I have been locked in prison (accidentally) and a men's prison at that! I made the acquaintance of many interesting young people as librarian for several years at Cecil Facer School (one youngster taught me how to pick locks!) As librarian and stenographic-secretary to a research scientist in Sault

Ste Marie, I noticed a sudden silence during coffee break-- then I realized what had happened. When a co-worker, being friendly to the newcomer, me, invited me to join the bowling team on Tuesday nights I declined with explanation that I had to go to jail on that night. I never thought to explain that I had volunteered my services as jail librarian.

Well, my life became even more interesting! I went to visit my eldest daughter and her family in Winnipeg and ended up with a position as the Collegiate Librarian in a lovely town in southern Manitoba. After three years during which a school Library Club grew to include 11 youngsters, I returned to my birthplace, Windsor, Ont. During that time I had the privilege of being the Librarian-In-Charge and Audio-Visual Supervisor at St. Clair College. I was replacing the evening librarian who was on maternity leave from September until January.

My life took a sudden turn when I accepted a position with the Kapuskasing Public Library as "Technician" in August, 1985. For the past year and a half, I have been Co-ordinator of an Adult Literacy Program which grew from 0 to an average of 23 active learners. We started a bilingual program but we now have two programs, one French and one English. I am with the English program. I was dismayed and surprised to be dropped as a library employee when the library severed connections with the

Adult Literacy Programs. Due to my wholehearted committment to Adult Literacy, I suddenly became a "grant" employee. This program is now sponsored by the Kapuskasing Board of Education and the Rotary Club of Kapuskasing. I am in a position of wondering if I will still be employed after August 31st.

I have earned my B.A. (Humanities) from Laurentian University since June and can also carry a conversation in French with my friends.


It has been a very full and a very interesting life since my college days!

E Clarke

VALLEY EAST PUBLIC LIBRARY
NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Tickets are now on sale at the library to raise funds for a NEW BUILDING.

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 6th Prize: Trip for 2 to Acapulco
 7th Prize: Trip for 2 to Dominican Republic

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Centennial Arena - 3:30 p.m.

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WIN
An everrude boat & motor or 1 of 27 cash back prizes of \$100.00

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EARLY BIRD DRAW:
July 1, 1989 at Valley East Recreation Centre - 1:00 p.m.

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Your chances of winning are
1 in 100!

KALEIDOSCOPE '89
May 31-June 4

Workshops...Workshops...Workshops...Workshops...Workshops...

Few Sudbury members attended this year's conference in Hamilton. The feedback from those who attended was that it was a success and some conference veterans claimed it was one of the best yet.

Here are some of the workshops Sudbury members attended:

Library services to the disabled

Anne Pottier, McMaster University, was able to cover a variety of issues dealing with the problems of providing information and services to library patrons

that have disabilities. These included physical barriers to accessibility, special format materials, special services and the training of employees.

Most areas of public access can easily be changed to accomodate any inquiries or requests for special assistance. The onus for identifying problem areas lies with the patron. But once alerted to the difficulty, the library should make arrangements as soon as possible.

The video presentation was from the National Library and is comprised of three

separate units. It is useful to help promote general awareness and highlights basic staff training tools. These videos are available as a series: Bridging (1088 016)
Contact:

Library Services for Disabled Persons
National Library of Canada
395 Wellington St.
OTTAWA, Ont.
K1A 0N4
Telephone: (613)992-7811
ENJOY 100: OONL.LSDP
or your nearest NFB film library service area

The workshop presented the idea that all patrons are entitled to the same level of information, even if the presentation of the information may have to be varied. Every little bit of change, from having ramps and push access doors installed to the hookup of a teleprompter to the reference desk, takes time but in the long run makes life easier for all. It takes a lot of common sense and making small changes can go a long way.

M.L. Sheppard

CD-ROMS IN REFERENCE

CD-ROM is an optical technology, specifically, a method of mass storage of information using laser technology. At this workshop, information was given about the types of products available, the format of information and the retrieval features of these products. Since this was essentially a hands-on workshop, we were given the opportunity to experiment

with about eight or nine different CD-ROM packages. The instructors were available to assist us and answer any questions that we had as we worked with the packages. It was exciting to see and hear about the new technology that is now being developed for libraries and I enjoyed having the opportunity to try some of these CD-ROM packages.

Sharon Wigney

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD

The Canadian Children's Book Centre has announced the creation of a new Canadian book award. Established in memory of historian and children's author, Geoffrey Bilson, it is the GEOFFREY BILSON AWARD FOR HISTORICAL FICTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

LITERACY CONFERENCE

"Sharing Discoveries" is the theme of the 1989 Celebrate Literacy conference, October 13-14, 1989, Toronto.

NEXT ISSUE...

Results of brainstorming session in Toronto

New membership list

Details of Sudbury's Fall workshop

And more
