



## ANNUAL DINNER

The annual dinner meeting was held on March 22, 1990 at the Pagoda Gardens. The attendance at this event was overwhelming and positive, with 36 members present. Margaret MacLean, Chairman of Library and Information Studies at Lakehead University spoke to the members about upgrading their library skills through continuing education programs. Our thanks to Margaret for an excellent talk.

The new regional executive for 1990/91 was elected after the dinner with the following results:

President: Kathy Deguns  
Regional Director: LaRea Moody  
Treasurer: Judy Sennett  
Secretary: Mary Lou Warren  
Public Relations: Cathy Walsh  
Newsletter Editor: Helen Heerema

Appointed positions of Regional Archivist and Job Contact have been accepted by Joyce Torma.

Unfortunately, since the annual dinner meeting, our re-elected president, Kathy Deguns, has resigned due to expanded work commitments and family commitments. The executive regretfully accepted Kathy's resignation and an election for President will take place at the September business meeting. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Kathy for her excellent work as President this past year.

Many thanks are also extended to the outgoing executive: Helen Hyvarinen for her excellent newsletters; Valerie Welsh for her terrific work as public relations

coordinator; Nancy Chovanchuk for her great secretarial skills. Last, but certainly not least, thanks go out to Wendy Woolsey for her work during the last five years as Regional Archivist.

## GRADUATES!

Congratulations to the graduates of Lakehead University 1990 Convocation. Receiving Diplomas in Library Technology;

Bette Baycroft  
Lynda Belle  
Ruth Rilling



Receiving Bachelor of Arts in Library and Information Studies;

Jane McRobb  
Caran Naysmith  
Janet Pole  
Dennis Sawyer

## THUNDER BAY REGION GRADUATE AWARD

The winner for 1990 was Dennis Sawyer, who is currently employed by Lakehead University Library in the Northern Studies Centre.

## CONFERENCE REPORT

The 17th Annual Conference was held from May 13 - 16th at the Geneva Park YMCA Conference Centre in Orillia. The Huronia Regional Branch is to be congratulated on their choice of location. The theme of Pathways Sentiers '90 was most appropriate.

We spent four days learning, meeting, discussing & having fun.

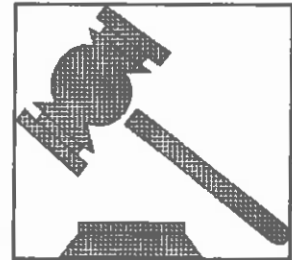
There were four sessions of workshops with multiple choices for each session. In **Alternative Careers** we discussed the skills we learn in school and those we develop in our jobs and everyday lives and how to apply these to many varied careers. The group participating was made up of people in traditional as well as alternative careers.

Creating a Reference Database was designed to help us replace our pieces of paper and cards in the "where-to-look" file which we have all created for those tricky or odd-ball questions that take hours to answer and then re-appear just as soon as we've forgotten our source. The workshop looked at the types of information kept readily available by libraries and how a microcomputer could help the reference department.

**Stress - Make it Work For You!** helped us to identify major stressors in the workplace and learn how to recognize signs of stress in the body and in relationships. Ways to manage the stress in our lives were examined so that stress can be life-enhancing instead of life threatening.

George Taylor, a former Attorney general of Ontario, discussed helping patrons

obtain records using the Freedom of Information Act in **Legal Issues Affecting the Library**. In addition, we gained an understanding of the effect of the Copyright Act on library operations and policies.



The Annual Business Meeting (ABM) was the smoothest and least contentious meeting that I have attended in the past 11 years. As Thunder Bay's only representative, I was prepared to make those life and death decisions that are always required on your behalf, but my feeling of power was short-lived, when nothing life-threatening was presented. The main items of business were as follows:

1. To seek funding through the Bilingualism Development Plan as funded by the Department of the Secretary of State for Canada, Promotion of Official Languages Branch. This decision will be reviewed annually.
2. The Political Awareness Committee is to:
  1. Finish revisions to the "Statement of the Standards Committee".
  2. Produce a draft document of the Roles and Responsibilities of Library Technicians.

3. Gather, compile and produce a draft document of sample job descriptions and to give a progress report at the next ABM.

3. Our new Provincial Executive:

President	Susan Morley
Vice President	Bette Gore
Secretary	Diana Doxtdator
Treasurer	Christine Davey
P R Co-ordinator	Marsha Hunt

4. Next year's Conference - Toronto.

Enough of the learning, meeting & discussing! On to Entertainment! We began the Conference with a wine & cheese reception Sunday evening. Monday evening we boarded the "Island Princess" for a 2 hour cruise on Lake Couchiching and followed that with a Beach Party. Tuesday evening's cabaret with the Madcap Players from Barrie was a great way to end the evening after the sumptuous banquet - we just sat back & laughed!

In between each of these programmed events was time for walking on the scenic trails which abound and some of us even managed to fit in a small canoe trip. There was also groundhog and squirrel watching for the less adventurous. All in all, it was a great way to keep in touch with associates.

- Submitted by Judy Sennett

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The OALT/ABO TBRB bank balance is \$1,075.50 as of June 30/90.

### 2nd NOTICE

Your membership is due now! If you have not renewed, a renewal letter and form is included for your convenience. There is also a 1-part form (due to a shortage of forms) enclosed for everyone's use. It contains the current fee structure. Please, talk to your colleagues and encourage them to use this form - feel free to photocopy if necessary. Your "member copy" will be mailed with your receipt for your records.

### PROVINCIAL MEETINGS

Our Regional Director, LaRea Moody will be attending four Provincial Executive and Board of Directors meetings during the next year. All four meetings will be held in Toronto at Richview Public Library. If you have any concerns or questions about provincial matters, please contact LaRea prior to these dates: Sept. 29/90, Nov. 17/90, Feb. 2/91, and April 20/91.

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

August 13, 1990 Local Executive Meeting to be held at Cathy Walsh's home.

September 19, 1990 General Meeting with location to be announced.

**\*\*HAVE A SAFE AND A HAPPY SUMMER\*\***