

# TECH TALK

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are now making the transition from one OALT/ABO executive to another and from one OALT/ABO year to another. At the March 31 Annual Dinner Meeting, we elected Jill Otto to fill the treasurer's position vacated by Wendy Knudson and Helen Hyvarinen to fill the regional director's position vacated by Cathy Walsh. In May the executive held its turnaround meeting at which both the old and new executive members were present and responsibilities were passed on from old members to new.

At the turnaround meeting we also began to discuss possible workshops and tours for the coming year. We have one or two ideas so far and are searching our brains, contacts, and past experiences for more. We would eagerly welcome any suggestions from the membership.

One thing the OALT did to mark the end of the old OALT/ABO year was to take a trip in April to Grand Marais to tour the public library with Jean Modell. Karen Cocks and Valerie Welsch kindly took their vehicles, for which we thank them. Although the day was rather cool and rainy, I think everyone who went enjoyed the scenic drive and the chance to learn about a library in another country (not to mention the several hours of shopping). It was interesting to see how organized and attractive the Grand Marais Public Library was and how extensive and varied the collection was, despite the library's being relatively small. The staff, too, seemed very friendly and helpful.

If anyone has suggestions for other tour sites, please let executive members know.

As we prepare for a new year, I would like to thank the outgoing executive, particularly Wendy Knudson and Cathy Walsh who are leaving, and welcome the new members Jill Otto and Helen Hyvarinen. I would also like to wish every OALT/ABO member a happy and refreshing summer!

Carolyn Enns

## TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 31 May 1993

Bank Account Balance	560.28
Petty Cash	460.28
G.I.C.	<u>2500.00</u>
Total	\$ 3520.56

Jill Otto

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Graduate	24
Student	11
Associate	2
Institution	<u>5</u>
	42



## Reviews

### REPORT OF APRIL MEETING OF OALT/ABO BOARD

The Board of Directors/Provincial executive of OALT/ABO met on 3 April 1993 at the Albion Public Library in Toronto.

A membership directory supplement was provided for each district for distribution. Further changes to the directory will be noted in the newsletter.

No presidential award will be given this year since no nominations were received.

Reflections '93 have ordered 250 commemorative pins to sell at the conference.

Bette Gore raised concerns with Danielle Amat, the conference chair, about the timing of the annual business meeting and other considerations that were of concern to provincial. She thinks that the poor timing of the meetings will adversely affect attendance. The conference procedures manual will be edited to make sure this does not happen again.

The conference procedures manual will be reviewed at the brainstorming meeting and responsibility for updating will be assigned.

The Education Liaison committee will be made permanent. A committee will be formed to address the revising of the constitution.

Membership categories were discussed but no decision was made about retired, unemployed etc. It will be discussed at the brainstorming session.

The provincial executive wanted the responsibility of membership to begin at the provincial level and then the region would be informed. This was roundly rejected.

The new membership forms will be single sheets instead of triplicate forms to save on costs. The region will have to photocopy.

The membership database will be Theresa Kennedy's responsibility. There is a possibility that INMAGIC will be purchased to manage it. (A little overkill here!!)

It was suggested that a student be represented on the regional executive for better feedback. I felt that we have lots of student contact and an association that has a good relationship with students and the LT program in general.

Submitted by Catherine Walsh,  
(former) Regional Director, Thunder Bay



### Report on OALT/ABO 20th Annual Conference - Reflections '93

After an absence of 2 years, it felt great to again attend the Conference. This year's organizers planned a week full of opportunities for us. Monday May 10th registration began at noon and the exhibitors were in attendance in the evening. Tuesday was reserved for personal growth workshops and tours of the many Ottawa landmarks. I didn't arrive until the very warm Tuesday afternoon, so I missed that part, but I understand that everyone enjoyed their activities.

Tuesday evening was billed as a Barbecue, but what they didn't tell you was that we were about to become "line dance professionals". You should see Donna & Carolyn do the "Achy Breaky"! Even those who were initially reluctant, joined in and had a great time.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday provided excellent workshop choices with very qualified speakers/leaders. I was fortunate to attend six informative and entertaining presentations. Perhaps the three Thunder Bay delegates can summarize the ones we attended for the next issue.

Wednesday evening was the Annual Business Meeting. With only 34 members in attendance it was a struggle to obtain a full executive slate. The Parliamentarian suggested that we needed a full executive to present to the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations or chance losing our charter.

After a very long struggle our Provincial Executive consists of:

President	Suzanne Orlando
Vice-president	Barbara Cope
Secretary	Theresa Kennedy
Treasurer	Penni Lee
PR Coordinator	Marsha Hunt

Marsha remains as PR Coordinator until September, at which time she will resign. This was done to allow each Region time to poll its members to find an enthusiastic replacement. If you wish to allow your name to stand for this position, please advise Helen Hyvarinen, our Director.

Thursday's dinner was a Mystery Night with murder on the menu. We all had a marvellous time gathering clues and guessing "whodunit". Friday night was the Banquet and a true feast it was. Following dinner the various presentations were made. Lakehead University received its 10 Year Award for membership, so congratulations and thanks for the support over the years. There were no nominees for the Presidential Award this year, therefore no presentation was made.

Following the presentations it was Casino time. Blackjack tables and a roulette wheel were opened for the gambler in all of us. Play money and prizes constituted our winnings and none went away totally empty-handed.

The conference committee are to be congratulated on their Conference Booklet which contains an excellent history of our 20 year old organization. They listed the past executive members and our past conferences. There was a lot of reminiscing and wondering about what happened to some of those past supporters.

The Ottawa Regional Branch has a number of 20 Year pins still available and our executive can order them for resale. Let your executive know if you are interested. For \$5.00 they are a nice memento.

Halton-Peel are hosting **Revolutions 94** from May 25-29, 1994 at Erindale College, Mississauga. Let's all ask our employers to support our professional development.

No Region has requested to host the 1995 Conference. Guess who's turn it is!! Come on Thunder Bay, everyone was asking if we are going to host. They really enjoy coming here and have fond memories of our past efforts. How does **STAY ALIVE IN 95** sound to you?

The conference closed with a Brunch on Saturday morning and we all headed for home refreshed and enthused. There's nothing like a week spent with your peers to make you realize that you are not alone with your problems and to perhaps make you appreciate you own situation just a wee bit more.

Submitted by Judy Sennett



#### **FROM THE HALLS OF LEARNING**

Our congratulations go out this year to the following students who graduated.

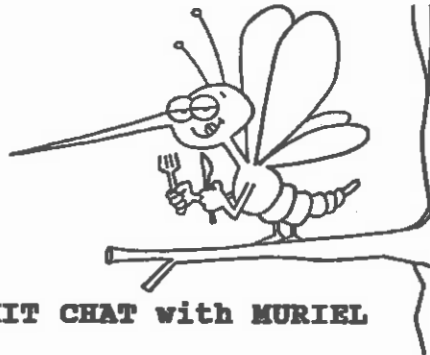
#### **BA in Library & Information Studies**

- Jo-Anne Agostino
- Valerie Barten

#### **Diploma in Library and Information Studies**

- Laura Caputo
- Janneth Davies

- Renate Evans
- Kirby Gilman
- Linda Goodbrandson
- Vivien Haberern
- Trudy Maurcher \* winner of  
OALT\ABO book award
- Louise McNeil
- Roxanne Merits
- Albert Niemi
- Eileen Pope
- Cheryl Ross \* winner of Dean  
Braun's medal



### **FIRESIDE CHIT CHAT with MURIEL DAVIDSON**

Well spring must be here, there have been such busy people starting their gardens that it has been impossible to contact them for information for the newsletter. Therefore, we are again limited in the areas of information.

Our congratulations go to Heather (Manty) Miller on receiving a new 3 year contract to work on the LIMMS programme (centralized union catalogue) for the Lakehead Board of Education. Also at the Board Office Terri Parker-Celmer, a library technician who now holds a managerial position, is taking a year off work, giving Valerie Welsch the opportunity of a year's promotion. Karen Cocks is filling Valerie's position and Beverly Proctor will be stepping into Karen's job at Hillcrest.

The Friday of the March Break must have seemed more like the 13th than the 19th to two library techs. Mary McKinstry was skiing with her children when her ski became caught in the snow as she turned - resulting in a torn tendon in her

knee. She is still not able to return to work, but is having daily therapy, which is proving very painful. Keep smiling Mary, and we hope that your ordeal will soon be over and that it has not put you off skiing!

On the same day things suddenly speeded up for a pregnant Penny Bower who found herself in need of an emergency Caesarian operation to save her baby. After a few anxious days in Intensive Care, and a time in the ordinary nursery Cooper John was able to go home to meet big sister Madison and proud Daddy, Michael. The happy family will have the whole summer in which to enjoy each other's company and adjust to each other.

Meanwhile Viviana Toneguzzi from the IMC of the Lakehead Board of Education is covering Penny's leave from Hammarskjold High School.



Another proud first-time father is Dennis Sawyer. His wife Cathy presented him with an 8lb/3oz son, Trevor James, on April 10th. Social worker Cathy is on maternity leave until the end of October from the Lakehead Regional Family Centre. Dennis is busy installing seat straps to secure a baby bed in that fantastic new truck of his ready for a trip to show Trevor off to his maternal grandparents in southern Ontario in August. Cathy and Dennis are both as "proud as punch" and thankful that Trevor is a healthy baby.

Our congratulation to all this years's graduates and especially to Eileen Pope who is marking her graduation from the library tech programme by graduation also from spinsterhood. On May 1st Eileen will become Mrs. George Iwasykiw. After a white wedding where Eileen will be attended by 3 bridesmaids and 2 flowergirls, the couple will honeymoon in Jamaica (where the flowergirls will try to attend to George!) On their return George will begin a new job as an engineer with hydro in Timmins. Eileen hopes that her library diploma and her HBA in English and History will help in securing a job for her.

We would also, rather belatedly, like to congratulate Luanne Wilson who became Mrs. Ronald Sainsbury on August 6th, 1992. The wedding was a small family affair and the bridal party went to the Conservatory for their official pictures, where the bride's pastel pink dress was shown off to great advantage. However, even later than our congratulations will be the happy couple's honeymoon - which will not be taken until December 1994 in Cuba.

It was so nice to receive a letter from Kelly Norman, a 1989 graduate, who then continued on to do her Bachelor of Education. After graduating she moved to Calgary but due to lack of work returned to Dryden, where she has had steady occasional teaching work. After a spell of that Kelly realizes that library work is still "the best" - although she does enjoy teaching. Therefore, she will be in Thunder Bay this summer, taking the Teacher-Librarian course at LU. This runs from June 28th - July 26th, so all those who want to contact her during that time please do so.

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\* Judy Sennett wishes to give away  
\* Frazer's Canadian Trade Directory  
\* 1992 (four volumes). Judy may be  
\* contacted at 625-6713.  
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