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## NEXT MEETING STRESS MANAGEMENT

September 9, 1987  
Metro Toronto Library  
Meeting Room D  
7:00 p.m.

### Guest speaker:

Sue Pratton of  
Sheridan College

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## TALTA EXECUTIVE 1987-1988

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# WELCOME BACK!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all our members to another action packed year with TALTA. It is also a chance for me to thank the outgoing Executive for making the transition between former and new Executives a smooth operation. Alicia Friese, Marie Willing, Sally Clark-Mills and Rita Piazza have all made a major contribution in organizing the many activities sponsored by TALTA.

This year the Executive has a line-up of timely topics which will be presented to you through our upcoming meetings and workshops. We are starting off our 1987-88 term by addressing a subject which I feel most of you will find appropriate for these fast paced times. Sue Pratten will be at our September meeting and her topic will be stress management.

We are soliciting your opinions on how TALTA can meet your needs in the future. You will find a questionnaire enclosed with newsletter and I urge all of you to take a few minutes to fill it out. We need feedback in order to improve each year. I know there are many members out there who can provide some excellent suggestions and I am waiting to hear from them.

I am eager to see all of you at the September meeting. It will be good to renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

Catherine Honkawa  
President

## Dear Editor

For the past seven years, I have been a volunteer with LINK Community Information & Referral Service in North York. LINK provides information and referral on a variety of topics including legal matters, housing, recreation and education that may be of interest to the North York community.

Every Tuesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. I am responsible for answering evening calls that come into the centre. However, my major task is the updating of the various registries such as babysitting and the student odd job registry.

I contact agency's and individuals by phone to verify the information that we have on file to see if it is still up to date and if they still wish to remain in LINK's database. LINK has over 2000 agencies listed under a variety of topics, we update the information once a year, at present I am in the midst of updating the information from July 1986.

Link has a legal aid clinic every Tuesday night that offers a half hour free consultation with a lawyer. We also offer an Income tax clinic to low income people during March and April.

At present, LINK has a summer grant to convert their manual database to a computer network, this will enable the inquiry volunteers to access information more quickly. The updating of the new automated database will be much easier, I will just key in the new information once, at present we have to type up cards and file into the cardex file. The experience that I have gained as a volunteer is great, I feel very confident about my reference skills and dealing with people under a variety of circumstances. Most importantly, I know what is available in North York, or if I don't I know where to find the information.

Sincerely  
Sharon Cooper, Secretary, TALTA

## Who Are Those People?: Biog. of 87-88 Exec

### Catherine Honkawa — President

I attended Seneca College and graduated in 1981 with a diploma in Library Techniques. After graduation I was employed at Toronto Western Hospital for four years. I became a member of THLA (Toronto Health Libraries Association) during my employment at Toronto Western Hospital and still maintain my membership with them. I am presently employed at the Ontario Ministry of Health as a reference technician. Last year I was a member of the TALTA executive for the first time in the role of secretary. This year I am looking forward to my new role as President.

### Kathryn Kern — Vice President

Graduate — Red River Community College (Winnipeg) 1982.  
Current position — Corporate Librarian for Inter-City Gas Corporation.

I have worked in academic, medical, school and business libraries and so have come to know the special concerns Library Technicians have in each of these types of library. While each setting has their own special considerations, as Library Technicians we have common skills and concerns. In preparing the problem for your professional association, I have tried to address some of those concerns and provide something for everyone. We are always looking for new ideas for programs as well as speakers and volunteers. I look forward to hearing your suggestions.

### Sharon Cooper — Secretary

I received my Library Technicians diploma from Seneca College in 1984. I also have a BA in Psychology from York University. Presently, I am employed as a serials Technician with the Information Resource Centre Consumers Gas. Since becoming a member of TALTA in 1984 I have been active, presently, I am involved with the Salary Survey Committee and the In-Touch Committee. This is my first year on the Executive and I look forward to an interesting and challenging term.

### Grace Lofters — Treasurer/Membership

How I have been raised in the tropical surroundings of the West Indian island of Jamaica was certainly a gentle awakening into life. I attended a co-educational boarding school there and throughout my years in this high school was very involved in many extra curricular activities. I became President of the Student Union, Music Club and the Writers Club. I was also very active in school sports and was the leader of the Basketball team (a hobby which I have found little time to pursue since school).

After graduating from High School I worked for the University College of the West Indies, which, at the time was a young University catering to the islands future professionals. This was an especially exhilarating period of my life as I found myself in the crux of the academic fever as I dealt with students and staff. My main hobby at this time was singing with the "Y Choral Group" accompanied by the Jamaica Philharmonic Orchestra.

Shortly after my marriage I re-located to Toronto, Canada and was employed by Crown Life Insurance Company and then later by Etobicoke Public Library. I attended Seneca College at nights and finally graduated. In the past few years I was energetic enough to be on the executive of the Library Association and at present have assumed the position of President for 1987/88 term. After participating as a general member of TALTA for ten years I am quite pleased to assume the position of Treasurer/Membership for the 1987/88 term.

At present I find my job and my associations with ELSSA and TALTA have given me fulfillment, leaving me just enough spare moments to putter around in my prized garden and for the hobbies coin collecting, bicycling, reading and a spot of travelling which I enjoy. I am looking forward to further growth within the library system and greater possibilities for more travel in the future.

**Irene Ennis — Publicity Coordinator**

In 1984 I graduated from Seneca's Library Techniques Program. For the past 3 years I've been working for Bell Northern Research as the Learning Resource Assistant. This position, which entails constant change, has provided me with a variety of experience.

In 1985, I worked on the TALTA In-Touch Committee and in 1984, on the TALTA directory. This is my second term as Publicity Coordinator.

**Dale Peters — Bd. of Directors Rep.**

I graduated from Seneca Library Techniques in 1977. I have worked at Windfields Junior High School since then in the library and am now involved in computer orientation for students as well as computer applications in the library and INFO-GLOBE. I was part of the task force that wrote the Guidelines for Library Technicians in School Libraries for CLA. I have 2 teenagers and enjoy cooking, sewing, knitting and gardening as hobbies. This is my third term as TALTA's Director to OALT/ABO and I welcome any suggestions and concerns that you would like presented to the Regional Executive.

**Kathy Major — Newsletter Editor**

In 1986 I graduated from Sheridan College Library Techniques Program and at present am employed at Consumers Gas as the Technical Services Technician. This is my second year as a TALTA member. In my first year I was involved in the Salary Survey Committee and Co-Editor of "...In Touch With TALTA". I have enjoyed my first year with the association by getting involved, discovering new techniques and meeting interesting people. I am in great anticipation of my year as Newsletter Editor and I hope to hear from you.

**OALT/ABO News**

**EXECUTIVE 1987-88**

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15th Annual Conference to be held in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

**Report on The Annual Conference — P.C. Boardman**

The 14th Conference took place at the Erindale Campus of University of Toronto, in beautiful downtown Mississauga. Good weather, interesting workshops and 175 good friends and true contributed to its success.

The location suited the cerebral fare served up by Halton Peel's Planning Committee. Being "on campus" always engenders enthusiasm for education and learning new skills. The brain was certainly taxed by DBASE III and Speaking with Authority (which I attended). One certainly discovered muscles that had not been exercised lately while partaking in the Square Dance. The energy of the Clog dancers and the Variety act put us all to shame.

17 ten-year awards were presented; which attests to OALT/ABO's coming of age (maturing?). When you consider the new Executive has a total of 65 years experience (and some overseas as well) you know that our future is being well taken care of. When long-time members can decide to re-cycle and become more involved in the Association; the least members can do is to give them all the support they need.

Paulette Burton was presented with the President's award for service beyond the call of duty. (Making the trip from Sudbury is certainly beyond the call of duty.)

The business Meeting saw fit to accept the motion put forward by Halton-Peel to raise the annual membership fees, beginning in 1988. But membership is not just paying your fee, it is participating, so don't leave the Executive to do all the work; remember to mail your job description for the Task Force. Annual membership is a year-long commitment of time, too. Join that committee, show your interest and appreciation to those people who can afford to take time to organize your workshops, plan conferences and map out your future.

**HELP**

**Wanted: Volunteers**

**WHO WORK IN CATALOGUEING  
ACQUISITIONS  
INTER-LIBRARY LOANS  
REFERENCE**

And who would be willing to give a two hour workshop. In reviewing the skills required of each, for our workshop on November 14, 1987.

**Wanted:**

LT's who are working in unusual libraries or use their skills in a non-traditional way. Are invited to participate in the January's meeting.

If interested, please contact Katheryn Kern, or if you know of someone else that is interested.

**WHAT'S HAPPEN'N**

We are interested in producing a DIRECTORY this year. All those interested in forming the DIRECTORY COMMITTEE please contact Catherine Honkawa or any other executive.

## In Touch Committee

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### NEEDED:

Members who are willing to take a little time once a month to phone with messages about meetings. Please contact any member of the Executive.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Pat Petruga and Eric James on the birth of a son Simon, June 15, 1987.

Sandra and Neil Findlay on the birth of a daughter Katie.

Traceyann Langley on the occasion of her marriage to Gary Crawford, August 8, 1987.

### LIST OF NEW MEMBERS

Mona B. Arlin  
Wendy Atkinson  
Laurie Belliveau  
Myrtle Bigelow  
Hazel Brooks  
Valerie Bruhn  
Laura Burnett  
Myrna Cain  
Lois Catalano  
Ruth Caverley  
Centennial College Resource Centre  
Margie Clarke  
Alan Devine  
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Aileen Farray  
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Diane Gardiner-Fennell  
Linda Gowans  
Irene Harper  
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Margaret Jenkins  
Andrea Jones  
Janice Kibiuk  
Lyse Kobayashi  
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Ontario Legislative Assembly  
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Diana Robertson  
Birgitta Selen  
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10. Do you think that we should have more social activities?

No

Yes If yes please give ideas \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. How would you rate TALTA's newsletter?

Excellent

Good

Fair

Poor

12. How do you think it could be improved? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. Would it be possible for you to attend a 1/2 day workshop during the week?

Yes

No

If yes please indicate day preferred \_\_\_\_\_

14. What software packages do you use in your library?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

15. Would you be interested in joining a users group if TALTA organized one?

Yes

No