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"Those of us who refuse to risk and grow get swallowed up by life." - Patty Hansen

What a great conference!



The AGM brought together many old friends: (rear) Brian Blackstock, Peggy Latimer, Rev. David Hartry, John Latimer, Bill Babcock (front) Dorothy Walter, Mickey Johnstone, Adele Ebbs, and Jean Babcock.

Thanks to all delegates, exhibitors and volunteers who made "Camping in Motion" a truly amazing conference. From the opening of "Camp

Maple Rock Goes to Trial" to the "Campfire in Motion" presented by the Ancaster Girl Guides and Pathfinders, this was a conference to remember. Many delegates tell us that they are re-examining their policies and procedures and look forward to implementing new program ideas.

We appreciate all the positive feedback that we have received and value the suggestions you have given us for next year's conference - keep them coming. Some of these great ideas have included: opening the Exhibit



Congratulations to Jane McCutcheon, winner of the first Ron Johnstone Achievement of Excellence Award, presented at the OCA Annual General Meeting.

Hall earlier and for a longer time on Thursday evening coupled with a later opening on Friday morning, easier to read camp names on name tags; educational sessions for all delegates; more sit-down meals. Watch for these changes and more in 1996!

Barb Gilbert



Who better to brave the Karaoke Machine in the Exhibit Hall but Exhibit Chair Jen Palacios with the help of volunteer Marsha MacLeod.

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Gearing up for Spring Training 95

As we approach another summer, full of smiling faces and warm memories, our thoughts turn to the great opportunities that lie ahead. Not only for our campers, but for our camp staff as well. Spring Training is an essential stepping stone to the success of our leaders and of our camp programs. We encourage you to participate to the fullest, and take advantage of the dozens of educational and inspiring sessions and workshops that will lead our counsellors and camp staff to new heights as well as ensure the quality of leadership that makes OCA camps a head above the rest.

Holding Spring Training at an outdoor site makes this year's conference not only unique, but gives us the opportunity to offer a wider variety of sessions. Including skills programming workshops and a strong day camp stream and all within an environment that is

sure to set the tone for another successful summer.

Directors: on behalf of the spring training steering committee, we would like to extend a warm invitation to our directors to join us for the day as our guests! Come and join your staff for an exciting and inspirational day at Camp Robin Hood! There will be a full range of sessions for you to attend including the infamous Directors' Round Table. Don't miss your chance to be part of Spring Training 1995!

Register early and be sure to reserve seats on the Spring Training Express! Buses will be leaving and return to Yorkdale. See Registration form for details.

Come and experience "For the camper in you!"

*Caryl Colton
Gay Venture*

Calendar of Events

Wednesday March 8:
Breakfast Meeting. Parents: your expectations/their expectations. Call (905) 670-4447 for location/time.

Saturday April 1:
Director's Day. Location: Havergal College (1451 Avenue Road, Toronto.) 9a.m.-4 p.m. Cost \$25 at the door. Please register beforehand by phoning Cathy Hitchcock at (905) 670-4447. Guest speaker: Carol Edwards. A fun-filled seminar where the focus will be on balancing your lifestyle. Bring your lunch. Refreshments and dessert will be provided.

Wednesday April 19:
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Insights for 1996

As preparation for the coming summer season keeps us all very busy, many volunteers look toward our three days of education, friendship and fun next January at our annual conference. Mark January 25-27 1996 on your calendar and plan to be there. You can count on a new and fabulous resort location, 70 km NW of the OCA office. You can count on a program that will meet your needs and provide learning opportunity to network with our camping colleagues and senior staff.

Calling all presenters!

The conference program committee is looking for workshop presenters. Presenters are volunteers who give leadership to workshops that provide learning opportunities for conference delegates. If you are interested in being a presenter, please submit a workshop outline/proposal to: OCA 1996 Program, 1810 Avenue Road, Suite 302, Toronto, Ont. M5A 3Z2 by April 1, 1995. All submissions will be reviewed by the program committee and all submitters will be contacted.



'95 Chair Barb Gilbert (left) passes on the job of steering the steering committee to Barb Hnatiak for '96.

Please include in your outline:

- your name, address, postal code and phone/fax numbers
- your previous experience as a speaker
- the focus of your workshop (e.g. motivating counsellors, theme day programs, etc.)
- your target audience (program, new director, seasoned director, administrator, health care, residential or day etc.)

Calling all creative minds!

If you have a great conference idea (workshop, wake-up, keynote, day trip etc.) TELL US! From the simple to the complex, we welcome all ideas. Please note: the idea of holding the conference in Hawaii has already been submitted. Thank-you to the idea submitter. Send your ideas to "OCA 1996 PROGRAM", 1810 Avenue Road, Suite 302, Toronto, Ont. M5M 3Z2.

Barb Hnatiak

Task force on Membership Services/Annual Conference update

As stated in the January *OCA'sional News*, the Task Force is considering the following proposal: All camp membership fees will include the raw costs of a "full-time" program only conference delegate.

Our first meeting (by phone and fax) indicates some general support for the proposal. It is felt that the participation of more members will improve the professional level of our association. Much association business can be conducted with all members in attendance. The Standards Committee is moving toward mandating that all camps receiving visits during the following summer must attend a Standards Visiting Session.

At this time, the additional cost to a camp membership would be in the neighbourhood of \$175-200. If you have any comments or suggestions for the Task Force, please mail or fax your responses to the OCA office. Additional Task Force members are always welcome!

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The nurse is responsible for a holistic approach to health care at camp. This includes the camp environment, the wellness of staff and campers, routine health procedures and care. The nurse is an integral member of the program staff, acting as a resource person and health educator to the camp staff and children.

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Dear Journal:

I feel a bit like the new employee who was called up before the boss. You told me, said the boss, that you had over five years experience. Now I discover that you've never done this type of work. Don't blame me, said the rookie, you advertised for a young person with imagination! I've got a great imagination. It is easy to imagine the time ahead in the next couple of years when the action plan and critical path is clearly defined. I can see our office settled and serving the membership at its new location. I can picture strategic partnerships and a full, active volunteer base. Fortunately, we also have the experience and expertise to bring these dreams to reality. The Board is dedicated, committed and enthusiastic. Our membership is the best ever. Now, let's get to business.

Jorg's To-Do List

- Thank departing Board members. It is tremendous to see how they continue to serve the work of the Association
 - Liz Greenway (Past President)(Past President's council, new leadership with YWCA)
 - Marjorie Booth (Director)(to represent OCA interests in child care legislation discussions)
 - Brian Edey (Director)(to work in Eastern Region with and through the Ottawa Area Camps committee)
 - Barb Gilbert (Director) (to become Vice President)

- Welcome new Board members. It is marvellous to note the contributions they are already making to the work of the Association
 - Kate Moore, Camp Allsaw (editor of the OCA'sional News)
 - Ellen Nash, Camp Northland (Standards Committee, Conference Committee)
 - Keith Publicover, Camp PineCrest (Skills Tender Review, Human Resources Committee)

- Plan the first board meeting (Mar 16) This first meeting is an important step as we establish interest and responsibilities for the new directors as well as for Patti Thom, Jeff Bradshaw and Jim Blake. Other agenda items should include our Public Awareness initiative, Spring Education events, the Action Plan and Advisory Council.

- Call the movers. Thank goodness for Peter Gilbert. He has volunteered his expertise to help us develop and optimize the new office space at 1810 Avenue Road. We couldn't be ready for the move on March 31 without his help and that of other willing volunteers.

- Distribute the Action Plan to Advisory Council. Now that the Conference comments have been added, our action plan is complete. We have only to prioritize the items and assign resources to the task. By April, we can charge committees and volunteers with creating their own integrated plans. The membership at large can share in the reading of this OCA road map.

- Call Jim Blake about Worker's Compensation. Jim has agreed to investigate some recent changes of classifications within our industry. It may result in some significant service to our membership in this area.

- Call Catherine Ross about the 'earfull' after the eyeful. When Catherine Ross appeared on "Eye on Toronto" on February 20 to talk about the OCA, the office phone was jammed with requests for more information. She is amazing! From Mock Trial to TV Make-up in 3 weeks!

- Drop a note to new members. We have three new camps which have been voted to provisional status.
 - CSSM Bible Camp
 - Eaglewood
 - Camp Misquah

- Talk to members
- Plan for the future
- Keep an open mind

Without a proper beginning, the whole becomes a hole.