



THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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A two page letter dated February 13, 1981 over the signature of Jocelyn Palm, was mailed out to the membership, plus a Nomination form, with permission to copy it or obtain more from the office. Quoting from the letter ---

"Being a responsible member of O.C.A. implies that each one of us participates in the selection of the Board of Directors. Please consider accepting one of the Board positions yourself or seek out those whom you feel will make a contribution."

Nominations were OPEN until March 9, 1981 This DATE is imminent ACT NOW please!!!

ANNUAL MEETING!

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One year ago it was suggested some advantages of attending the Annual Meeting be listed for your edification. Here they are again ---

1. Your Board, who have a responsibility to attend, are present to perform a duty appropriate to their position.
2. The Committee Chairmen, in presenting their reports offer the opportunity for you to learn their function on your behalf, make suggestions, ask questions and request service tailored to your needs.
3. Fellowship with each other.
4. Sociability.
5. A program of interest such as a well known speaker on a timely subject.
6. The presence of Life Members, with years of camping experience, enhance the occasion.

This is YOUR Association. Become knowledgeable about its affairs.

SUPPORT THE ANNUAL MEETING!

LIFE MEMBERS!

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Constitution Article title MEMBERSHIP, No. 7 - "Non-voting Members ---

"Life Members shall be those persons upon whom this honour is bestowed by the Association as a result of their outstanding service to camping".

Ontario Camping Association Life Members ---

REV. GEORGE C. CONNOLLY
W. BERTRAM DANSON
DR. J. HARRY EBBS
MRS. ADELE EBBS
REV. CLARENCE FERGUSON
MRS. EANSWYTHE FLYNN

MISS MARGARET GOVAN
STANLEY HODGINS
LAURA BELLE HODGINS
RON JOHNSTONE
MRS. MICKEY JOHNSTONE
DR. MARY NORTHWAY

DAVID PALTER
DR. ELSIE PALTER
CHARLES PLEWMAN
DR. ROBERT F. SNEYD
MISS HELEN STEWART
STAN WILD

All members are invited to name anyone qualifying for this honour and submit your suggestions, attention of Barbara Gilchrist to the O.C.A. office. It is customary to make the presentation of a Life Membership at the Annual Meeting. A response is requested by APRIL 1, 1981. Thank you!

To Mrs. Eleanor Kay, Supervisor of Camping, Easter Seals Society of Ontario, (OSCC) goes a thank you for the following appropriate additions in the International Year of Disabled Persons with the theme "Full Participation and Equality".

HEAVEN'S VERY SPECIAL CHILD

A meeting was held quite far from Earth.
It's time again for another birth,
Said the angels to the Lord above.
This special child will need much love.
His progress may seem very slow,
Accomplishments he may not show
And he'll require extra care
From the folks he meets way down there.
He may not run or laugh or play;
His thoughts may seem quite far away.
In many ways he won't adapt,
And he'll be known as handicapped.
So let's be careful where he's sent,
We want his life to be content,
Please, Lord, find parents who
Will do a special job for you.
They will not realize right away
The leading role they're asked to play
But with this child sent from above
Comes stronger faith and richer love.
And soon they'll know the privilege given
In caring for this gift from Heaven.
Their precious charge, so meek and mild,
Is heaven's very special child.

(Author Unknown)

WHAT IS HANDICAPPED?

We have a little daughter
Whose body is not whole
But that's no indication
That she has less a soul

She's a precious little person
With a captivating smile
And a beguiling innocence
That makes her life worthwhile.

Her legs are limp and lifeless
They're completely paralyzed
But her arms are stronger
Than someone twice her size.

She has determination
That doesn't seem to quit
And deserves a lot of credit
For the way she uses it.

She wants to walk, with crutches
Her steps will come in parts
The walking she is doing now
Is into people's hearts.

Her mind is ever active
Her eyes are sparkling bright
Her voice is sweet and gentle
Her actions ladylike.

Her hands are so expressive
Her friendliness so apt
That I am moved to ask you
Just what is handicapped?

My daughter took a step today
And had you seen her smile
It would have told you certainly
That one step was a mile.

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BARBARA GILCHRIST
PRESIDENT

SOCIETY OF CAMP DIRECTORS
 Annual Dinner - Rosedale Golf Club
 Thursday, April 9, 1981
 6:00 P.M. Reception
 6:30 P.M. Dinner
 Trekking over the Ganja La in Nepal
 with
 Barry & Kim Lowes

ADVERTISING FOR STAFF ON THE BASIS OF SEX ONLY

Children's camps that cater to one sex only sometimes have problems in the wording of their advertisements in various publications because of the Ontario Human Rights Code. This Act basically forbids advertising a position open and restricting eligible applicants to one sex. If this is a problem of yours an exemption may be obtained upon application to the Commission. If you have a sound reason for restricting the sex of the staff because of sleeping accommodation or other legitimate reason and wish to restrict any advertising that you do, but find that publications will not accept your ad with the restriction in it - take heart! Write to:

MR. GEO. A. BROWN
 Director, Ontario Human Rights Commission
 400 University Ave., Toronto, Ont. M7A 1T7

apply for an exemption and give your reasons. The Commission will contact you and arrange for an interview with one of their staff and report will be submitted. Usually an exemption will be granted and then when you have problems with a newspaper or magazine you can quote your File Number and the newspaper can check if it so wishes.

Submitted for your assistance by the Legislation Commission
 - Past President's Council

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TENDERS NEEDED
 for
 O.C.A. Summer Woodsmanship School
 to be held
 JUNE 9 (Evening) - JUNE 15 (After Lunch)
 Proposals are needed from Camps wishing to host same

REQUIREMENTS

MEETING ROOM for 40 - 45 people
 ACCOMMODATION for 40 - 45 people
 ALL MEALS

PLEASE SUBMIT TENDERS TO:

Mr. Jack MacGregor
 c/o Camp Kandalore - R.R. #2 - Minden, Ontario, KOM 2K0
 Tel. (705) 489-2419

A Q U A T I C S

1. The RLSS has new test sheets for the 1981 Summer. Please return your old ones to the office, 8 York Street, and order your new ones. Order early for the Summer.
2. The Red Cross Ontario Small Craft Safety Committee is now putting out a Bi-monthly Publication, "Boat Works" to act as an update for policy and program changes, a forum for Small Craft Safety Course Conductors and Instructors, Committee Reps, and Field Volunteers. If you have any comments or contributions for "Boat Works", send them to the Canadian Red Cross, c/o Small Craft Safety Services.
3. Omar Stringer has a new film "Paddle Out of Peril" 25 minutes in length, covering a range of topics from hypothermia to canoeing strokes. Available from a number of Red Cross Branches and the Ontario Division Library.
4. A new book, covering PFD's, simple knots, weather, basic strokes and basic parts of various crafts, is put out by the Red Cross - "Safe Boating for Kids". Included is a text to help teach the items. Cost \$2.75.
5. Canadian Coast Guard has a new pamphlet out on covering the important aspects of Lifejackets and PFD's with regards to the law and care.

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AQUATICS QUESTIONNAIRE

The results to the questionnaire that was sent out before last summer are completed! If you are interested in obtaining a copy please contact the O.C.A. office.

Once again thanks to all who filled one out.

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THE CHAPMAN CUP

Each year the RLSSC awards the Chapman Cup to the affiliated Ontario Camp with the highest number of points carried in the area of life saving. For this past summer (1980) the cup is awarded to Camp Oconto with 2464 points. In second place is Camp Gay Venture with 2429 points and in third place with 2352 points is Doe Lake Girl Guides.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!!

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ARRANGE NOW FOR ST. JOHN AMBULANCE COURSES

There's still time to have staff and counselors trained in St. John Ambulance safety-oriented First Aid, as well as in methods of instruction; and remember that if your Camp has Workmen's Compensation Board number, you can arrange to have staff trained at Board expense through St. John Ambulance.

St. John First Aid training can add a margin of safety to your Camp and wilderness trips. Taught with guidelines that apply to camp and camp life, and presented with an emphasis on safety and accident prevention, St. John training changes attitudes, makes its graduates aware of accident potential and stresses the importance of prevention. With a mixture of film, instruction and practice, methods become interesting, easy to learn and to retain.

Adjust the courses to your camp programme for campers or pre-camp hours for your staff. There's variety in first-aid as well as lifesaver courses, some over an extended period, some of only two-and-a-half hours' duration.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE, 46 Wellesley St., East, Toronto M4Y 1G5 Tel. (416)923-8411

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LOOKING FOR A NEW PROGRAMME THIS SUMMER?

Famed for his Ecology and Conservation programme at Camp Allsaw, Sam Hambly was heard at the Conference on this very topic. We would remind our members that Sam is another member who has published his own very fine handbook which describes his methods as well as his teaching to those who wish to incorporate such a venture for their own campers. A limited number of the booklets is available for \$2.00 from: SAM HAMBLY at Camp Allsaw, 9 Calais Avenue, Downsview, Ontario M3M 1N3

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TO START THE INSPIRATION BUBBLING

The week before camp is no time to be dreaming up...groping, that is,...subjects for Sunday Services and inspirational discussions, especially for that first Sunday of the season. In these days of stress and lowered standards, it might be clever and helpful to give solid inspirational ideas from the past...suggestions that have come to us through camp directors who have based many talks on the following topics. The interesting background information makes them even more thought-provoking in that the ideas are by no means new:

Richard Rogers wrote the music based on an old quote: Julie Andrews sang it in Sound of Music:

"Nothing comes from nothing, nothing ever does..."

We can see half a dozen messages in this one, Canterbury pilgrims in the 1400's and 1500's mulled over it...

"Never look for great things from self-interest".

A thoughtful assessment of Faith:

*"I believe in the Sun, even when it is not shining;
I believe in Love, even when I feel it not;
I believe in God even when He is silent".*

This will provoke endless debate and discussion, and perhaps an entire change of character, a realization of the importance of words: The Greeks quoted it, probably many before them, and it has come down through the ages as:

*"Where there is envy, there also goes jealousy;
Where there is jealousy, always malice;
And malice, as sure as the stars follow each other,
turns back to destroy its creator".*

Then... some of our favourites:

*"I have planted a garden, and have watched it grow and produce, and so
I know what faith is;
I have seen poplar trees swaying in the breeze, and so I know what grace is;
I have heard the cardinals calling, and so I know what music is;
I have seen clouds before a storm, so I know what beauty is;
I have read a book before a wood fire, and so I know what contentment is;
I have seen the miracle of a sunset, so I know what grandeur is;
I have refound a very dear friend, so I know what gratitude is;
And because I have perceived all these things, I know what wealth is".*

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ONTARIO WETLANDS CONFERENCE

The Federation of Ontario Naturalists and Ryerson Polytechnical Institute will be hosting an "Ontario Wetlands Conference" at the Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto, on September 18-19, 1981. A provincial policy task force is presently developing a draft wetland policy, which is scheduled for public release early in 1981. We anticipate this conference will provide a forum for reaction to wetland policy proposals. Participation in this conference is open to anyone with an interest in wetlands. Civil servants, academics, naturalists, landowners, sportsmen and other interested individuals are all invited to share their concerns. For details:

ONTARIO WETLANDS CONFERENCE

Hosted by Federation of Ontario Naturalists & Ryerson Polytechnical Institute
September 18-19, 1981 Toronto, Ontario

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WANTED - FOR PROJECT C.A.N.O.E.

CANOE TRIPPER: small grassroots tripping camp requires applicants for full-time summer position as Canoe Tripper. Applicants must be full-time post-secondary students. Experience dealing with difficult adolescents an asset. If interested please contact:

DENISE 531-5384 or JILL 530-0121

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GROUNDSKEEPER REQUIRED

for a Christian Children's Camp. Incumbent must be a reliable, co-operative, and an independent worker, who will be responsible for the maintenance of the buildings and property in support of scheduled camper programs. Apply in writing to -

MR. D. PHILLIPS, Chairman, Glen Mhor Camp Committee Box 785, Uxbridge, Ontario L0C 1K0

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WE WELCOME TO THE O.C.A. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

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| JOHN AINSWORTH | WALTER COCHRANE | DAVE FULLER | DAVID MURRAY |
| DAVID BITTNER | VIRGINIA COOPER | COBINA GOOYERS | ANN WESTALL |

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DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 9 CAMP DIRECTORS' ANNUAL DINNER
6:00 P.M. Rosedale Golf Club
Toronto, Ontario

APRIL 21 O.C.A. ANNUAL MEETING
Lambton Golf & Country Club
Toronto, Ontario

MAY 9 O.C.A. COUNSELLOR CONFERENCE
Centennial College
Progress Campus
Toronto, Ontario

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