

# SEASON'S GREETINGS

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## THE PRES. SAYS - - - -

This is the time of year when we count our many blessings, and indeed, camping people have an abundance of blessings. The opportunity to rub shoulders with the variety of personalities in a camp operation is a privilege unequalled in terms of its rewards and challenges. The chance to influence the directions taken by young people is a freedom we must exercise with great love and care. The right to be wrong, and to be able to begin anew are our good fortunes in camping. To be informal, to be out of doors, to be alone if we wish, are all our special blessings. How fortunate we are!

My personal inventory of blessings includes many fine people in O.C.A.-

Thank you Barb, Phil, Janet, Kirk, Bill, Two Bruces, Dorothy, Stan, Eanswythe and Carolea for your Executive talents. Cheers to Bev, Helen, June, Craig, Two Johns, Grant, Bob, Jack and Ivan for your contributions to the Board.

Thanks Nodja Read and Nora Robinson for being the true sparks of the O.C.A.

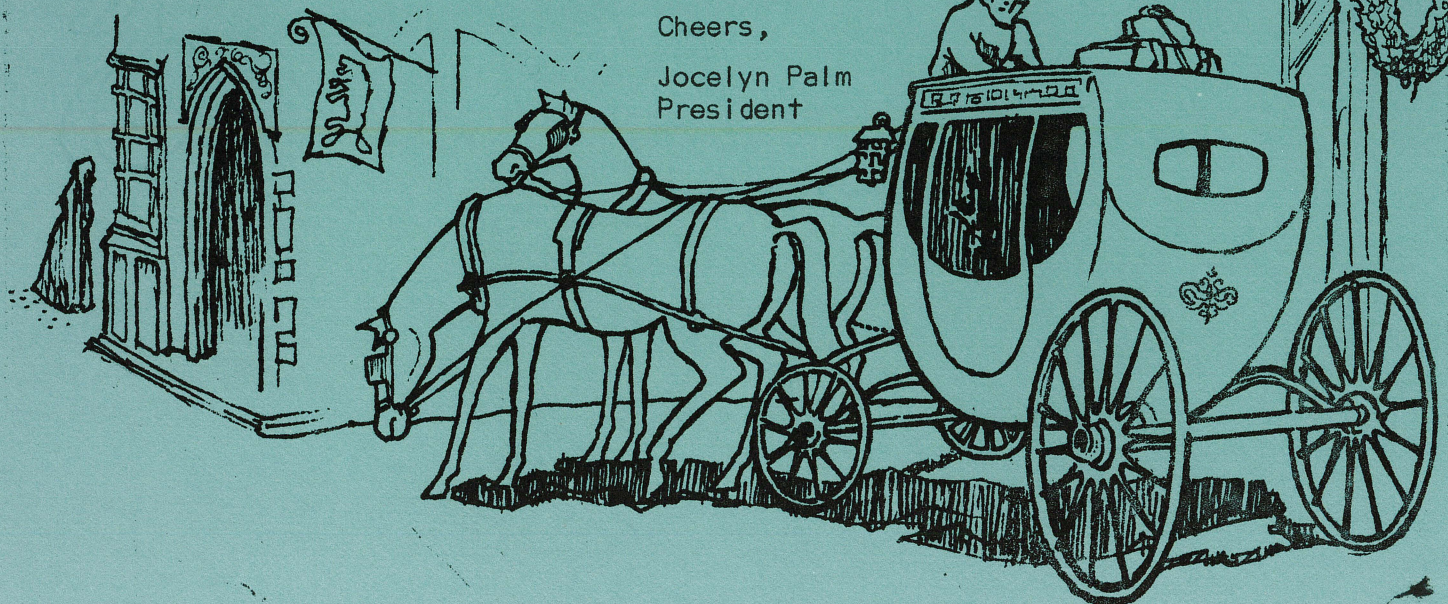
Happy holidays Jack, George, Ron, Eileen, Clare, John, Brian, Mary and Adele for the excellent job you do in C.C.A. affairs.

Thank you all for your encouragement and involvement in O. C. A.

Special greetings to Barb and John Gilchrist who made it possible for me to become the new owner and director of Glen Bernard and to be able to begin 1978 with the realization of a long standing dream.

Good wishes to each of you as you pause to reflect and as you take time to enjoy special friends during this wonderful season.

Cheers,  
Jocelyn Palm  
President



THE ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE TIME IS APPROACHING

This year's Conference will be at the Royal York Hotel, February 16 - 18, 1978 and will start on Thursday evening with a keynote address by Professor Ben Schlesinger followed by a wine and cheese party. The program for Friday and Saturday is comprehensive and exciting. The Conference will end on Saturday night with a banquet, an address by Bruno Morawetz and a dance.

This year, in order to allow camps to send many of their senior staff the conference fee is reduced for any delegates over three per camp. The conference registration of \$50.00 for the first three and \$40.00 for any additional delegates includes the wine and cheese party, the lunch on Friday and Saturday, the banquet and the Conference Digest. IN ORDER FOR CAMPS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OFFER REGISTRATION FORMS FOR DELEGATES MUST BE SENT IN ALL TOGETHER AND NOT SEPARATELY.

Hope to see you at the 1978 Conference - "A TIME TO SHARE"

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AT THE ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Friday, February 17th, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. has been set aside for a meeting time of kindred groups. The following have been assigned meeting places: "Y" Camps; Church Camps; Scouts; Girl Guides; Private Camps; Parks and Recreation Programs; Students in Recreation programs; Special Needs Camps - (Agency, Handicapped, Mentally Retarded).

If you have specific suggestions or concerns to be discussed at one of the meeting groups please contact Dinny Biggs c/o the O.C.A. Office.

Plan to take advantage of this session time at the Conference to meet others in your camping speciality and share ideas.

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AQUATICS STANDARDS

The Education and Aquatic Committees have long been interested in the quality of swimming programmes in summer camps. To this end the two committees convened, and it was agreed that a meeting should be held with the appropriate Royal Life Saving Society and Red Cross representatives. In order that we present your views at this meeting, we are asking you to contact your swimming staff and let us know your concerns or suggestions by letter or telephone call either to -

Miss Bev Greene  
550 Church Street OR  
Toronto, Ont. M4Y 2E1  
(416)966-5126

Mrs. June Labbett  
3 Pine Forest Rd.  
Toronto, Ont. M4N 3E6  
(416)489-1032

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THE CANADIAN SCENE

Janet Adamson attended the November 3-4 C.C.A. meeting in Moncton. As the O.C.A. delegate, Janet put forward the views of the O.C.A. Board concerning agenda items discussed by O.C.A. prior to the meeting. Thanks Janet, for being our representative and for your report.

O.C.A. members should know that:

- i) New stickers for your C.C.A. certificate will utilize the new logo as illustrated in the last C.C.A. bulletin.
- ii) The C.C.A. Geneva Park Conference, "Keys to Success" is well organized and will be attended by almost 70 O.C.A. members.
- iii) C.C.A. is working on some national camping promotion.
- iv) C.C.A. have withdrawn involvement in the 1979 Minnesota A.C.A. Conference - - The O.C.A. Executive would like to reverse this situation if possible.
- v) C.C.A. are reviewing ideas for additional skill school areas to follow the canoe and woodsmanship concept.
- vi) C.C.A. is anxious that O.C.A. members assist in the development of handbooks for C.C.A. chairpersons along similiar lines to the O.C.A. handbooks. A pat on the back for Helen Stewart who developed the O.C.A. books.
- vii) 1979 is the International Year of the child. C.C.A. are investigating ways in which we can be usefully involved in this celebration. Any thoughts?
- viii) Father Paul Belanger former C.C.A. Vice President has recently departed for Rome as the representative of his Order to the Vatican. A fine man and an enthusiastic camper, we wish Paul well and congratulate him on this appointment. Eileen Mayotte of Saskatchewan will fill Paul's unexpired term.
- ix) The O.C.A. representative to the next C.C.A. meeting January 23-4 will be Bruce Harris.

The O.C.A. are represented at C.C.A. meetings by a member of your Executive. We are experimenting with the method of having a different delegate at each meeting. This scheme requires more adequate briefing and preparation, but at the same time allows more O.C.A. people to share in C.C.A. affairs and discussions. In the long run, one objective is to have many more O.C.A. people who have a greater perspective on camping in every province. In the final analysis, this objective is really the keystone of C.C.A. activity.

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LEADERSHIP WEEK-END AT BOLTON CAMPSITE

The Education Committee was more than pleased with the response to the week-end, history-making in that it was the first time in O.C.A.'s existence that delegates had to be turned away. Twenty-seven camps were represented, these from Quebec as well as various parts of Ontario. "The main thrust of the week-end", a report from this committee tells, "dealt with director-staff relationships, and although lectures formed part of the programme, the success of the event came through an environment in which delegates felt free to contribute and give of themselves and their experience". To all the Engineers of the project . . . take a bow.

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BACK NUMBERS OF CANADIAN CAMPING MAGAZINE

*If any camp directors or staff members would like to add to their camp libraries, a number of Canadian Camping Magazines dating back to 1951 are available. Many of the articles are as timely today as they were then, since Management, Programme, Water-front Activities, Standards, Sunday Talks, and Finance are among the topics discussed. Please phone the Editor of OCA'sional News at 487-2206*

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WINTER WORKSHOP

A workshop, tri-sponsored by The Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario, Ontario Pioneer Camps and the Tawingo Outdoor Centre is being held at Tawingo on January 13-15, 1978. Accommodation for the weekend will be in heated, winterized cabins. Meals and snack are provided. Participants are asked to bring their own bedding, clothing and equipment although some cross country ski equipment, snowshoes and ensolite pads will be available. The \$35.00 cost for the weekend is all inclusive.

The workshop will run from a Friday evening snack until after lunch on Sunday. Leaders for each session will be highly qualified, freely-communicating resource people from all across Ontario.

Those interested should write for application forms IMMEDIATELY to: - - - -

CLARE MAGEE  
Tawingo Outdoor Centre  
R.R. #1, Huntsville, Ontario POA 1K0  
Telephone: (705)789-5612

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CAMP FOR RENT

*As Camp Massad will not be open this summer, Rose Hersch, the Director, is offering the premises for rent to anyone who is interested in operating a summer camp. For further information write to:*

*Mrs. Hersch  
4140 Bathurst Street, Suite 201, Downsview, Ontario M3H 3P2*

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ARCHIVES REPORT

The following is the report received from Ken Johnson, the Archivist at Trent University, concerning the deliveries made to him in May and October . . . .

"The most important feature of the boxes of O.C.A. records transferred in May are the files of minutes and correspondence of the Executive and Board from 1938-47. This accession also includes committee records from the 1950's, agency liaison files (including the American Camping Association), conference and special project files, Presidents' and Executive Director's reading files and assorted financial statements and accounts.

The records transferred in October complement the above. Files are included on memberships, defunct camps, agency liaison and special projects (such as National Camping Day and the Centenary Journey), intercultural camping and records from the Standards and Membership Committees. There is one entire box full of camp standards visitation reports. Most of this material dates from 1961.

The Archives staff has completed a preliminary listing of most of these records. Detailed organizational work (sorting, boxing and shelving) and the production of a finding aid will proceed in early December".

As Archives Chairperson, I cannot produce unless YOU produce. Mrs. Nodja Read, our O.C.A. Secretary, has been of inestimable help. Her effort in sorting and filing made the above deliveries to the O.C.A. Archives possible. Kindly refer to the October OCAsional News for a listing of the material that I hope to receive from the O.C.A. Membership.

Helen E. Stewart

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AQUATICS REPORT

1. Camp Directors are asked to note a change of address for the Royal Life Society Canada, Ontario Branch -

Royal Life Saving Society Canada  
Ontario Branch  
8 York Street  
Toronto, Ontario M5J 1R2  
Telephone: (416)368-1800

By Subway: south to Union Station, York Street exit, walk south on York. (see Map attached)

2. Changes in RED CROSS Service FEES: Changes in service fees are forthcoming. The three year implementation plan is as follows:

1978 - Effective January 1, 1978, a \$.50 service fee will be assessed per candidate evaluated at Levels 3, 4, 5, & 6 of the Adapted Aquatics programme.

The \$.50 service fee assessed per candidate evaluated at the Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels will remain the same during 1978.

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AQUATICS REPORT cont'd.

1979 - Effective January 1, 1979, a \$.75 service fee will be assessed per candidate evaluated at Levels 3, 4, 5, & 6 of the Adapted Aquatics programme and the Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels.

1980 - Effective January 1, 1980, the service fee will be increased to \$1.00 per evaluated candidate (levels as above).

3. The RED CROSS Senior Award has been adjusted as follows:

The TOWING ASSIST has been deleted from the skill items to be evaluated at the Senior Level.

HOWEVER, the candidate has the option of the following procedure:

- a) entering the water with a floating aid.
- b) pushing it towards his/her partner and encouraging him/her to hold onto the aid.

NOTE: The candidate must maintain a safe distance between him/her self and his/her partner at all times.

- c) The candidate must then return to safety.

This manoeuvre would be done as a follow-up to an incomplete ring buoy toss and is acceptable at the Senior level.

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WANTED TO LEASE - PROPERTY FOR DAY CAMP

*The Borough of North York Parks and Recreation Department is considering an alternate site for their 1978 summer day camp program.*

REQUIREMENTS:

- a) *to lease for months of July and August 1978 (possibility of long term lease if site is suitable).*
- b) *a location within a one hour drive from North York's boundary. (40 mile radius).*
- c) *large enough to accommodate 500 campers with space for tents (approx. 60), sports playing fields.*
- d) *natural, forested areas, varied terrain, pond/creek.*
- e) *a swimming area - either a lake or pool (or possibility of installing same).*
- f) *a building on site that might house our summer office and supplies.*
- g) *access to telephone, drinking water on site.*

Please contact:

DIANE HARRIS at 225-1979

or by mail at

5145 YONGE STREET  
WILLOWDALE, ONTARIO M2N 5P4

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AMICI SUMMER CANOE RALLY '77

Amici is an organization initiated by staff members of Kilcoo Camp to raise funds for children to go to a resident camp. This past summer Amici ran a Canoe Rally, the teams competing on a time and distance basis with portaging from Kilcoo and return. Prizes were donated and presented at the social get-together at the end of the day. Entries for last summer: Kandalore, Mazinaw, Pinecrest, Wanakita, Ponacka, Oconto, Wilderness III, Calumet, Couchiching, Onondaga and Elizabeth Brown. There may well be great enthusiasm from a much wider group of camps in summer '78, for such an interesting break in programme.

John Latimer can tell you all about it. Phone him at 486-5364.

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REVISED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 1978

9 Professional Development  
Phase II - Session I  
Family Services  
22 Wellesley St., Toronto  
7:30 p.m.

15 O.C.A. News Deadline

19 - 22 C.C.A. Conference  
Geneva Park

- O.C.A. Open Meeting

27 - 29 Regional Campference  
Sault Ste. Marie

FEBRUARY 1978

15 O.C.A. News Deadline

16 - 18 O.C.A. Conference  
Royal York Hotel  
Toronto, Ontario

28 - Mar.3 A.C.A. Conference  
Anaheim  
Disneyland, California

MARCH 1978

15 O.C.A. News Deadline

APRIL 1978

- Professional Leadership  
Development Weekend  
Phase III

11 O.C.A. Annual Meeting  
at Ontario Society for  
Crippled Children

15 O.C.A. News Deadline

MAY 1978

6 Counsellor Conference  
Centennial College

15 O.C.A. News Deadline

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ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY CANADA

Ontario Branch - 8 York Street, Toronto, M5J 1R2; 368-1800

