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THE PRES. SAYS

February is more than hearts and groundhogs -- "*A TIME TO SHARE*". It's O.C.A. Conference time and that's the theme, sharing, so gather, give and get. Our '78 Conference Committee, led by Janet Adamson, are doing a super job to ensure a successful Conference. Plan to be there.

Our '78 Directory is now rolling out of the O.C.A. Office in response to the more than 4,000 requests we receive each year. Thank you, John Gullick, for taking on this project for '78. This is a very important publication and we appreciate your efforts. Thanks also to Nodja Read who got things started for the Directory and also talked business with our advertisers.

The Past Presidents' Council of our Association has a variety of assignments which are suitable for those individuals with all kinds of smarts and experience. Cliff Labbett has been doing some overtime lately, on our behalf, with respect to retail sales tax and minimum wage regulations. Details on these and other legislation items have been included in the Conference program. We also plan to have a report for you in the February Newsletter.

One of the quiet and gentle yet extremely competent persons on the O.C.A. Board is Craig Copland, Chairman of the Environmental Concerns Committee. Craig and his Committee are providing environmental education opportunities for us at the Conference and as well, they represent the O.C.A. at a variety of meetings and events. The O.C.A. is now lending its support, at Craig's suggestion, to a project entitled Conservation and Alternate Resource Development in Camping (CARDIC). The individuals in CARDIC are researching and constructing some model energy saving structures suitable for camps. We are to be advised of progress as the project unfolds.

The C.C.A. Conference at Geneva Park was an outstanding success. I was very proud to be the current President and to have the privilege of saying thanks to the committee who put together the excellent program "*Keys To Success*". O.C.A. was very well represented by 45 delegates - read on in this newsletter for a summary. We have to be grateful for all the time and effort put into this event by Chairman John Latimer - may your enthusiasm always be with us.

John's Committee of Bruce Harris, Barry Lowes, Clare Magee, Bobsie Cheeseman, Wayne Perkins, Mardi Tindal, Dorothy Walter, Virginia Fraser, and Eleanor Kay have made us again aware of our need to update our knowledge in camping. Doug Caldwell and Jay Haddad put together an excellent audio-visual presentation which perhaps can be made available for an O.C.A. event because it was superb. Cheryl Caldwell provided most of the office and secretarial needs - - Thanks , Cheryl.

The Professional Leadership Development Task Force are well into Phase II of a four phase program. The next session concerns communications - - appropriate since there is a place for excellence in this aspect of our lives.

SEE YOU AT THE CONFERENCE.

Cheers, Jocelyn Palm

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"KEYS TO SUCCESS"

A capsule of the C.C.A. Conference, Geneva Park, January, 19-21, 1978

C.C.A. President Jack Pearse opened the event with his customary good humour and song. John Latimer's remarks on the Conference theme emphasized the importance of "people" as a key and included Jay Haddad and Doug Caldwell's slide-tape presentation. The atmosphere was well set for the next three days.

The second day sessions all reflected the significance of people, program and facilities to a successful camping experience. Six separate sessions about people included; Bruno Morawetz on expectations; Bob Slingerland on staff, Gordon Jasper (Alberta) on helping children grow, Stanley Parkinson (Manitoba) on to whom a director answers, Jean Funk (Alberta) on the human climate in camp and Barb Patterson and Francis Owen (Quebec) on special needs of children in camp. Program sessions included: Peter Mayotte and Dale Delainey (Saskatchewan) on programs with a high adventure quotient, Elaine King (Newfoundland) on program models, Bob Cameron (New Brunswick) on program goals, Ted Yard on program ideas for year 'round camps and Austin Matthews on program ideas for summer. Sessions focusing on the place were; Ruth Mowatt (Alberta) on site selection, Ron Johnstone on finance, budgeting and legislation; Ken Willis (Quebec) on effective administration; Craig Copland on environmental concerns, Wilf Jackson (Quebec) on maintenance and Punch Jackson (Manitoba) on public relations.

The Saturday program offered two options for a full day session; the future and camping with Dr. Ken Balmer from the University of Waterloo and the management of time with Mr. Dave Bratten. The Saturday evening banquet and presentation entitled "The Major Challenges Facing Camping" by Ken Balmer was followed by entertainment with the Knowlton Brothers of Camp Tawingo and a square dance led by Mr. Jack Zoubie also of Tawingo fame. Carolea Butters led the Ontario delegation presentation of some special awards to those who had distinguished themselves during the three days together.

On Sunday morning, the Ontario delegation met together to discuss how we might share some of the information we had gleaned with those who will attend the 1978 Counsellor Conference on May 6. Here is a compilation of those suggestions:

1. The slide-tape presentation should be shown to Counsellors - perhaps to begin the day.
2. Include the songs and also ideas on how to be a leader of songs. Present the 'spirit' of camping by means of songs, pep talks, etc. by some of the directors.
3. We are concerned with attendance at the Counsellor Conference. Is there an incentive that will encourage all directors to attend? Perhaps directors should each have a specific role? Perhaps Counsellors could do a session for directors somewhere in the program? At the same time some delegates suggested that a greater attendance is not necessarily a valid goal, e.g. some camps are tightly locked into their own training schedules. Perhaps regional, smaller conference would be better to which the director and one staff person would attend in order to get to know people better.
4. Specific Topics
 - Expectations - child, parent, director, staff.
 - Special Needs of Children in a Camp.
 - New Program Ideas.
 - Public Relations and Promotion - function of Counsellors.
 - The Human Climate in Your Camp.
 - Time Management.
 - Daily Program Formats.
 - Programs with a high A. Q. (Adventure Quotient)
 - Nature Program - package of ideas.
 - Developing Program Goals.
 - How Can We Help a Child to Grow?
5. Some suggested a discussion of the future and camping be included at a February Conference.

In summary, "Keys to Success" was a great experience for those of us who captured the opportunity to attend. Perhaps the most effective way in which we can express our gratitude to the Conference Committee is to "Pass it On" to others.

Respectfully submitted,
Jocelyn Palm
President
Ontario Camping Association

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O.C.A. ROAD SIGNS FOR SUMMER

The new Road Signs for member camp properties are now ready. Watch for them at the O.C.A. Booth at the Conference, and ask about prices. purchase and delivery arrangements

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NATIONAL WOODSMANSHIP LEADERS' SCHOOLS

Summer 1978 Edition

This is our first announcement of the National Schools for 1978. The Spring-Summer-Fall school will be held in June on the refined model for 1977. The planning committee is working faithfully and diiligently in recognition of the significant mission contained in the Woodsmanship Schools, namely: to develop a positive, sympathetic inter-relationship between people and the natural physical environment which is, after all, central to the camping movement in Canada. We hope and trust that you are in agreement with this cause and that you will support the school enthusiastically!

It may be of special interest to note that there will be an Eastern and Western School held this year as well as the Central one. Letters of enquiry can be directed to:

Mr. Jack MacGregor
c/o Kandalore Camps
R.R. #2, Minden, Ontario
KOM 2K0

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BACK COPIES OF C.C.A. MAGAZINE

1962 to 1968

Most of these former copies have been given away to various camp directors, but there are still some on hand for those who would like to have them for the articles. These can serve to help counsellors and staff members carry out programme and understand some of the responsibilities of their work. Please call Eanswythe Flynn at :-
(416)487-2206

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KINDRED GROUPS AT THE CAMPING CONFERENCE

The DAY CAMP SESSION will meet to discuss the place of the Day Camp Committee within the O.C.A. New concepts will be considered, and all chairmen and representatives are urged to be on hand to contribute their positive ideas for survival.

DATE - FRIDAY 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Further details:

Larry Bell, Camp RobinHood

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NEW CANOES FOR SALE!

To clear a warehouse immediately special prices are being offered on brand-new canoes, still in their Verolite covers, just as they arrived by transport:

14' Standard Tremblay Cedar Canoes - \$300.00

16' Standard Tremblay Cedar Canoes - \$390.00

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1978 DIRECTORY OF MEMBER CAMPS

The new Directories are now waiting in the office for anyone who needs extra copies. They will be in all Toronto Public Libraries as well as several other points of distribution which are being covered by the Public Relations Committee Members.

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SEE YOU AT THE ROYAL YORK

REVISED CALANDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 1978

- 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
- 20 Professional Leadership
Phase II - Seminar II
Family Services
22 Wellesley St. East

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
- 27 Society of Camp Directors
Annual Meeting
Rosedale Golf Club
Reception - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner - 6:45 p.m.

MAY 1978

- 6 Counsellor Conference
Centennial College
- 15 O.C.A. News Deadline

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