



THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

DEAR O.C.A. MEMBERS;

It has become traditional for the President of our Association to write an update for each issue of the O.C.A. News and as the new President of O.C.A. I do this as my first task since assuming office in April.

First, I would like to introduce the new Board of O.C.A. -

- BARBARA GILCHRIST - *The O.C.A. Past President and former Director of Glen Bernard Camp.*
- GRANT KERR - *Vice President and Director of Camping Services for the United Church of Canada.*
- JANE McCUTCHEON - *Vice President and Coordinator of Development at Camp Tawingo.*
- CRAIG COPLAND - *Vice President - Vice-Chairman of the 1983 C.C.A. International Conference and General Program Director of Camp Mini-Yo-We.*
- LIZ GREENWAY - *Secretary and Director of Camping Services for the Toronto YWCA.*
- DOUG BOOZ - *Treasurer and Business Manager for Camp Keewaytan.*
- AIRLIE ARMSTRONG - *Aquatics Chairman involved for seven years with Aquatic Programs at various camps.*
- HAL HANNAFORD - *Public Relations Chairman and the Program Coordinator at Kilcoo Camp.*
- BRUCE HARRIS - *Standards Chairman and Director of Camp Kawabi.*
- KIM LOWES - *Education Chairman and Assistant Director of Camp Timberlane*
- GORD MESLIN - *Day Camping Chairman and Director of Camp Maple Glen.*
- FRED OKADA - *Conference Chairman and Assistant Director of Bolton Camp.*
- HELEN STEWART - *Archives Chairman and former Director of Camp Wahcahmie.*
- WALTER TOSE - *Membership Chairman and Director of Camp Couchiching for the Anglican Church.*
- NANCY WEEKS - *Environmental Concerns Chairman and a Law Student studying Environmental Law.*
- DOROTHY WALTER - *A special Representative from the Ministry of Culture and Recreation.*
- EANSWYTHE FLYNN - *Editor of the OCA sional News and former Director of Camp Brigadoon.*

PRESIDENT'S PAGE cont'd.

At the OCAAsional News Bulletin 115... I didn't but I would like to do so now. As you can see from above the Board consists of many young, and nearly young dedicated, talented camping people, representing private, church, co-educational, agency, day, girls' and boys' camping. As well we have a sampling of Camp Owners, senior staff and Directors who report to a Board, as well as retired Directors. In short a lively well informed cross section of our Association. As the direction of the Association is passed on to this Board I feel very confident that your Association moves into the 1980's in "good hands". We are going to meet in May to orient ourselves for the ongoing work of the Association and plan long term priorities. If you have any concerns or priorities that you would like to see addressed by this Board we would be very pleased to hear from you - a note sent c/o the O.C.A. Office before May 19 would be heeded and most helpful.

I am sure that I speak for "the Board" when I say that we are honoured to carry on a long tradition of caring and dedication that has been the hallmark of the Association for many, many years.

JANET ADAMSON - PRESIDENT

BEST WISHES, PETER VAN WAGNER

Just to let Members know that Peter is recovering very nicely from recent successful Open Heart Surgery. He was at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal and is now at home. Hope you'll soon be back in harness at Camp Nominique, Peter!

NOTICE

The OCAAsional News is published at the end of each month. Submissions for printing are needed by the 28th of each month. We are always interested in new articles, information, camping tips - why not write an article and share your knowledge with all the Membership?

NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP

EXTRA REGISTRATION FORMS FOR:

O.C.A. Cancelling Weekend, June 11 - 14, 1981 to be held at Hoshlong Outdoor Centre (Halliburton Hockey Haven).

AND

O.C.A. Nurses' Conference, Saturday, June 13, 1981 to be held at Forest Valley Day Camp are available at the O.C.A. Office.

This mailing went to all Camp Directors May 5, 1981.

JANE McCUTCHEON
Chairman - Task Force Committee

GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS

Scanning the camp ads in both newspapers, some Camp Directors who are members in good standing are still missing a good opportunity for a good talking point. Only a small number remember to use our Camp Accreditation logo or add the words Member of the Ontario Camping Association. In this generation when we are doing all we can to make parents aware of Accreditation and membership in O.C.A. there's a bonus in stating your standing. Make use of it!!

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SWIMMING - THE NEW RECERTIFICATION PROCESS

The Red Cross and the Royal Life Saving Society no longer offer joint recertification courses. Each organization now has a different recert process. So how do you recertify?

RED CROSS: Still offers an 8 hour clinic which will recertify you, for two more years as a Red Cross Water Safety Instructor. (There is no written test, but, the candidate must participate in all aspects including a minimum physical requirement, rescue breathing, water entry and conscious victim recovery and tow).

RLSS: Have a brand new 'Credit System'. The RLSS "encourages each instructor to follow his/her own course of professional development using the credit system".

1. At your convenience over the two year recertification period, accumulate 3 credits of your choice (at least one must be a life saving award).
2. Make sure your credits are validated and send them to the Branch Office with a \$5.00 recertification fee.
3. You receive your new Instructor card valid for another two years plus RLSS program update information.

Also, this credit method offers a one-day certification program, but together by the affiliates, if such is more convenient.

For more detailed information contact your local Red Cross or RLSS offices.

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ROCK CLIMBING INSTRUCTORS AVAILABLE

If this is your specialty, or if you're thinking of it, it's a good idea to have instructors in charge who know what they're doing and what campers should do. The Ontario Rock Climbing Association has lists of experienced, qualified rock climbing instructors, trained to deal with students, assess objective dangers and reduce inherent risks involved. Talk it over with Mr. David Moore, 162 Commercial Street, Milton, Ontario L9T 2J2.

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IN JUNE...THE GREAT CANADIAN CANOE EXPOSITION

The idea behind such an Exposition is to present the positive, the enriching historical cultural, challenging and safe aspects of all forms of canoeing. It's well worth being there on June 20th and 21st from ten in the morning to six at evening, York Quay 235 Queen's Quay West, Harbourfront, Toronto. Canoes, canoe instruction and construction, films, a bookshop and opportunity to paddle a Montreal (36 foot) canoe.

Sue McGregor at Canoe Ontario has all the ins-and-outs. 160 Vanderhoof Avenue, Toronto M4G 4B8; Telephone: (416) 429-7701, Ext. 223.

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O.C.A. WOODSMANSHIP LEADERS SCHOOL

DON'T FORGET!! the Woodsmanship Leaders School scheduled for June 11 - 17, 1981 at Glen Bernard Camp, Sundridge, Ontario. The prerequisites to attend are - 18 years of age, a personal recommendation from the Camp Director or sponsor, a certification in First Aid from a recognized organization and a letter from the applicant's physician. Application Forms are available from the O.C.A. Office.

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RE: O.C.A. LIBRARY

Janet Adamson and I are wondering why the newly-organized library has not been used more by our Membership. Perhaps our notices in past O.C.A. Newsletters have gone unnoticed. Are you aware that the O.C.A. Board has provided funds to ensure that the new books in the C.C.A. Publication List and current journals have been added to the Library? As previously mentioned, use of the Library is restricted to O.C.A. Members and is open during office hours. Also, an 11 page library list is available; you have only to phone or write the O.C.A. Office for a copy. YOU are the reason for the updating of the Library...so why not use it?

HELEN E. STEWART

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RE: ARCHIVES

The Archives Committee has purchased a Kodak Cassette Recorder which is available in the O.C.A. Office for use by Committee Chairmen and Interviewers for Archival purposes.

Have you a box marked "Archives" in your camp office? Will it be with you at camp to receive all the "goodies" you will gather this summer? The Archives Committee would be pleased to take them off your hands in the Fall and deposit them at the O.C.A. Archives at Trent University.

My warmest thanks to the members of my Archives Committee, in particular Ken Johnson, our University Archivist, for their expert and keen attention to our Archives Display at the Conference; and the contributors who took the time and effort to aid us in this big project. Their contributions added greatly to the richness of our Display and are very worthy of recognition here...Camp Arowhon (Elliott Markson), 4 framed photographs; Camp Oconto (Lisa Labbett), the Royal Life Saving Society Chapman Cup; Georgian Bay Sailing and Racing Camp (Orville Osborne), a photo and brochure collage; Camp Winnebago (Bert Danson), photographs and artifacts; Easter Seal Society (Eleanor Kay), photographs, scrapbooks and brochures, bound and mounted; Camp Shalom, photo collage; Camp Trailfinder (Paul Rushton), 33 slides; Camp Couchiching (Walter Tose), 4 photo/brochure collages, plus slides; Camp Tapawingo (Bobsie Ebbs), 2 photo-scrapbook binders; Camp Wahanowin (Harold Nashman), slides; Adele Ebbs, personality slides; John Gilchrist, Camp Layolomi brochure and awards plaque; Helen Stewart, Wahcamlie legend and painting, framed in birchbark; Kirk Wipper (Kanawa International Museum), Malecite birchbark canoe (by Richard Nash), Peterborough cedar strip canoe, Baffin Island Kayak, 2 single blade paddles, 1 double-blade "paddle"; Trent University Archives (Ken Johnson), copy photos of On-DaDa-Waks, Temagami, Kilcoo and Glen Bernard Camps; photos (original of the Centenary Journey); related textual records and books; and, last, but certainly not least, the assorted artifacts (flag, tent, water bucket carrier), photographs and historic quilt, from the Toronto Girl Guides, which received many raves and comments. Sincerest thanks.

To all of you on the threshold of a summer of camping

"MAY THE WIND BE ALWAYS AT YOUR BACK".

HELEN E. STEWART

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

REV. JOHN D. BLUE	JOHN A. McCRACKEN	DAVID SIMPSON
JAMES CRAIG	VALERIE McPHERSON	ALEX M. THOMPSON
ANN KOKE	DONALD A. PATERSON	

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CANOE ROUTES OF ONTARIO

A new book just off the press has been published by McClelland and Stewart through the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Our review will appear in the June Issue of OCAisional News. In the meantime if you would like to have your own copy the price is \$9.95 through the -

CANADIAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION

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ADMINISTRATOR WANTED BY MAY 31st, 1981

A full-time resident administrator for Camp Quin-Mo-Lac, United Church Camp, Bay of Quinte Conference, Moira Lake, 25 miles north of Belleville.

Camping and administrative experience needed to work with Board of Directors and Committees. For further details please contact -

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