



Annual Review 2006



Message from Charlotte Christ-Weber, President, OB-PS



Dear Members

One of the highlights in my first year as your President was to listen to a young woman who was given the opportunity, through the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), to make her personal dream

come true. She wanted to go to London and, she found the possibility to work as volunteer in Pax Lodge. Members who were present in India, and who heard Priyanka Halunde speak, will now have a better understanding of why it is so important to support the work of WAGGGS and how investment in young women can change their lives. Priyanka showed us, in person, what OB-PS can contribute to WAGGGS!

Since my last report – WAGGGS and OB-PS have been through many changes, some linked to the WAGGGS re-branding which has had an influence on the OB-PS look as well. Many of you will have seen our new strap line in India:

**'Girls Worldwide Say:
Invest in our future through OB-PS'**

The Annual Report comes to you showing our new look. OB-PS will shortly be launching a new micro site which will be ready early in the New Year!

The Board has moved to reposition OB-PS to have a stronger emphasis on being a support for WAGGGS rather than on OB-PS itself. New members want to hear where we invest the money and what they get in return for their donations. Investing in girls and young women – in their future – to become leaders – to make them able to change their life – what more return can we get?

The Board is in the process of reviewing its way of work and we hope to identify some more effective tools to recruit members. We have now 792 members, but we need many more. What if

everyone would find one more member? We have personally to inspire potential new members to join OB-PS.

The Annual event in India last September was a happy and successful event. 150 members came to Mumbai and to Pune where we were warmly welcomed in Sangam, one of the four World Centres of WAGGGS. Besides the Members' Meeting, where we had intense discussions, together with Elspeth Henderson, the Chairman of WAGGGS, we also experienced Indian culture and food, and heavy Monsoon rains. Thank you Armaity and Sally for this Indian experience!

We are already in the planning process for the next Event in Iceland at the end of next May, and you will be aware that there is only a very short period of time between the two Events. Iceland will be very different from India but it is also a fascinating country, the biggest volcanic island of the world! I hope that you are already planning your visit in Reykjavik!

And finally, there are some people that I would like to thank! Firstly, our Patron, HRH Princess Benedikte, who spreads the word about OB-PS wherever she goes; and you, our members! I would like to thank Barbara Reid, who resigned this year, for all her hard work as Vice-President, and also Lesley Bulman-Lever, Chief Executive of WAGGGS. Lesley, apart from being an OB-PS member, has been a strong supporter of OB-PS, and a pleasure to work with. We hope to see her at future OB-PS Events!

For the first time we were able to acknowledge the generosity of three of our members with the Princess Benedikte Award! I am sure there will be many more who will be honoured in the future.

In the meantime, there is much work to be done by the Board, and I am looking forward to presenting you the outcome next year. I am always happy to receive questions from our members, who ensure that our Society supports WAGGGS Mission: "to enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world."

Message from Elspeth Henderson, World Board Chairman

Dear Friends

As I write this, images of India come flooding back into my mind. I was privileged to join 43 young adults from 43 Member Organizations around the world in Sangam at the Juliette Low Seminar just before the OB-PS event in Mumbai and Pune. The theme of the seminar was "Values based leadership in an international setting". The WAGGGS mission, which is "to enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as citizens of the world", was at the heart of this inspiring event.

WAGGGS not only develops leaders who have values, but also leaders who speak up for their own rights and the rights of other girls and women. We need women in our communities and at world level who will lead people through all the complexities and compromises of negotiations in conflict situations. Mahatma Ghandi recognised the value of women when he said that "If non-violence is the law of our being, the future is with woman"

During the couple of days between the Juliette Low Seminar and the OB-PS gathering, I had an

opportunity to visit the magnificent caves at Ajanta and Ellora. They were constructed between the 6th and 10th centuries AD. Those who started the work had no idea what the finished project would be like - they just chipped away at the rocks. But the visionaries dreamed ... and the strategists, who had a high level of mathematical and engineering knowledge, designed the long-term plan. Each generation added to the project over a period of more than 400 years, leaving a legacy that is breathtaking in its scope.

In a similar way, WAGGGS is creating a legacy by investing in the future of girls and young women, and you are all part of this. Thank you for the tremendous financial support you give to WAGGGS. We could not deliver our mission without the generosity of OB-PS members.



OB-PS Farewell – Lesley Bulman-Lever, Chief Executive, WAGGGS



I am now approaching the last few weeks of my time as Chief Executive of WAGGGS. Of course I feel very sad even though I have a full new life waiting for me. But I am happy that my membership of OB-PS continues so that I will still have the opportunity to meet many

of the friends I have made in Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting at the Society's Annual Events.

One of the real highlights of my time in WAGGGS was the OB-PS meeting in Kenya where my mother and I were presented. It was a moving and unforgettable event for both of us and one that we often remember together.

It has also been a real pleasure for me to see the relationship between WAGGGS and OB-PS flourish

over the years and I believe that there is now a much greater mutual understanding and mutual benefit. As Chief Executive of WAGGGS, I am extremely grateful for the generous and warm support of OB-PS members who have enabled us to do so much more for girls and young women around the world.

In my new life, I hope to continue 'to enable girls and young women to achieve their fullest potential' by writing about the lives of girls around the world. The proposed title for the book is 'A world fit for all our daughters'.

Soon WAGGGS will have a new Chief Executive and I am sure that she will continue to strengthen the bonds between the World Association and the Society. It has been a great honour and privilege to have been the Chief Executive of WAGGGS and I have truly enjoyed the partnership with OB-PS. Thank you for your support both of WAGGGS and of myself over the last ten years.

Health and Welfare of Children

Pakistan Girl Guides Association - Punjab

Last year, members agreed to consider new opportunities for giving, and the first project selected was the Health and Welfare of the Child Project in Pakistan. Details were circulated to members in January 2006, and the response was overwhelming. Pakistan Girl Guides Association (PGGA) was hoping to raise £15,000, and OB-PS members responded by raising more than the required amount.

In 1999, at the request of Girlguiding UK, Pakistan Girl Guides Association decided to carry out a project in Samsani Khui village addressing the specific issues of health, literacy, food and nutrition, recreation and environment in mothers and children. The project was to be called 'Health and Welfare of the Mother and Child'. The PGGA undertakes much of its work in non-formal education with girls and women, and wanted to work in conjunction with a Health Unit, which already provided medical facilities, and mother and child health education. Since the beginning of the project in 1999, the village of Samsani Khui has been supportive of the project, and the Girl Guiding work, and part of the project programme has been dedicated to teaching local leaders skills to be able to sustain and increase community funding.

Girl Guiding work has always been at the heart of the project, and the project was awarded the FAO Award for the project of Food and Nutrition at



Samsani Khui from the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) in October 2003.

In 2006, the Pakistan Association decided to expand the work to:

- Provide an independent area of activity for mothers and for health education;
- Create awareness in mothers for preventive measures for fatal diseases of children, food and nutrition, malaria, clean drinking water etc.;
- Create awareness of HIV/AIDS;
- Assist in the creation of income generating skills for mothers;
- Provide a recreational and non-formal education programme, including junior Guiding for girls;
- Organize work camps on environmental issues;
- Monitor the health and growth development of children;
- Celebrate national and international events.

The partially completed building project.

The Association aimed to provide activities such as literacy classes for mothers and children, recreational activities for children, income generating activities, Girl Guiding, medical facilities for mothers and children, and health and family planning education for mothers, and an awareness of immunization programmes.

Now, with the help of the funding from OB-PS, the Pakistan Association will be able to construct a second floor on the already existing dispensary, working in the Project Area. This large hall will be used for the Learners of Literacy and Vocational Centre – work which is currently taking place in the home of a teacher of the Learning Centre. This new hall will have two attached bathrooms and a kitchen. It will serve as a fully equipped learning centre for children and young girls, adult learners and community members, all under one roof.

A meeting was recently organized within the village with the object of sharing and discussing the project plan and additional fund raising



Volunteers on the project.

necessary at community level. The community was delighted to hear the news, and offered their full support and help. During this meeting, supportive committees were formed from within the community, and an architect and a constructor/contractor for the project were also discussed. Hopefully, by the start of 2007 the new space will be in action.

Appeal for 2007 – can you help?

Members of OB-PS responded so well last year – this year the Board would like to support the building of a Training Centre in Benin.

Benin is among one of the poorest countries in the world. There is a lot of poverty, unemployment and associated issues with street children and child trafficking. Benin has a literacy rate of 32%, with most women being illiterate. Only 10% of girls are in full-time secondary education. The Association des Guides du Bénin is a Full Member of WAGGGS, and works mainly in rural areas. The Association would like to build a training centre to offer specialized training to Girl Guides as well as young people who do not attend school where they can learn a trade as well as further their general knowledge. The Association hopes that this will create self-sufficiency and reduce poverty in the targeted areas, as well as raising awareness of Girl Guiding. They are particularly hoping to help young girls and young women in rural areas.

The project began, but has had to stop due to lack of funding. Unless it can be started again soon, the land, which was donated by the Town Council, will be reclaimed.



Juliette Low Seminar

Two Juliette Low Seminars for young women are organized each triennium, and this year, one seminar was held at WAGGGS World Centre at Sangam in India. The seminars are always a wonderful experience for the young women who participate. The theme this year was **Values-Based Leadership** in a setting which was diverse and international. The Olave Baden-Powell Society funded Gabriela García from Venezuela, and here are her thoughts after the event.

An unforgettable journey By Gabriela García

I would like to begin by briefly introducing myself. My name is Gabriela García and I live in Venezuela (South America). I have been a Girl Guide/Girl Scout for 19 years. From a very early age, when I first became a Girl Guide, my Guiders always spoke about WAGGGS and the World Centres. From that point my dream was to visit at least one. I never would have imagined that the first I would visit would be Sangam, our World Centre in India. I also had the wonderful opportunity of participating in the Juliette Low Seminar (JLS). It was a great privilege for me to be chosen to attend as a



Lydia Mutare and Gabriela.



Some Juliette Low participants

representative of my country and to experience firsthand the work WAGGGS is doing to train young women leaders.

Attending the seminar was an unforgettable experience in every sense. I had the opportunity of learning more about leadership and development, and in many ways discovering skills I never knew I had. I am sure that all the knowledge and experiences I acquired during my stay in India will be of immense help in all aspects of my life. Above all, it will help me better carry out my role within my own Association by contributing to the development of girls and young women in Venezuela. In this way I hope to be able to add to the wonderful work that WAGGGS is doing all over the world.

One of the most pleasant memories of my trip to India was the great atmosphere of togetherness and unity throughout the JLS week. I never imagined I would be able to share with 42 fantastic young women from 42 different countries, each one with their unique customs and personalities. Despite these differences, all quickly became friends and our work was fun and stimulating. All were keen to share their different cultures and experiences and in sharing in new ones during our stay in Sangam. I am happy to think that all of us had the privilege of being in Sangam during the JLS week, forming bonds of life-long friendship – I now have 42 new friends from all over the world.

The JLS gave me the opportunity to grow as a person and to get to know other cultures through the eyes of my friends. I would now like to be able to help other Girl Guides/Girl Scouts to have the same opportunity, to have the same wonderful experience as I did.

Following my return from Sangam, re-living the memories of JLS and my trip to India, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Olave Baden-Powell Society (OB-PS) for the support they gave me in making one of dreams come true, for

without their support, this would never have been possible. I would also like to thank the Asociación de Guías Scouts de Venezuela (AGSV) for selecting me as its representative for such a high-profile event as the JLS. Last, but not least, I would like to thank each and every one of the 42 JLS participants, the JLS staff and the staff at Sangam for their warm welcome, their friendship and for making the JLS 2006 one of the most unforgettable and rewarding experiences of my life.

Annual Event, Iceland, 24-27 May 2007

Iceland is not only closer than you think, but more different than you ever imagined! Iceland is a volcanic island in the Northern Atlantic, where you can witness such marvels of Mother Nature as glaciers, spouting geysers and steaming hot springs, raging rivers and waterfalls. For those of you who joined us in India last September, this sparsely populated land of the midnight sun with fresh breeze from the ocean will be quite a contrast.

Our host in Iceland will be The Chief of the Girl and Boy Scout Association, Margrét Tómasdóttir and, as chairman of the host committee, Anna G. Sverrisdóttir, who is a member of OB-PS, and also, the managing director of the Blue Lagoon. The Blue Lagoon is a unique spa of healing power and beauty, founded on a unique source of geothermal seawater that originates in Iceland's extreme environment. Margrét and Anna are arranging a full programme of post-tour excursions, where you will not only experience Icelandic nature but also learn about Icelandic history and culture and guiding and scouting in Iceland.

We shall be based at the Grand Hotel, in Reykjavik, which, after renovation in March next year, will be the largest hotel in the country. Accommodation at cheaper rates will also be offered within walking distance. We expect the Presentation Ceremony to be held at the University in Iceland. The First Lady of Iceland, Mrs. Dorrit Moussaieff is a member of OB-PS and we hope she will be able to attend this event.

Bandalag Íslenskra Skáta, the National Association, that hosted WAGGS European Conference in 2004, shall also welcome us. BIS is a merged Association, the first of its kind, and Guiding was started in Iceland as early as 1922.



Those of you who would like to arrive in Iceland before the event will be able to attend Reykjavik Art Festival (10 -26 May 2007). Further information about the Art Festival can be found at the following link: <http://listahatid.is>

Come and join us next May in Iceland to meet new and old friends, to see Guiding and Scouting in action and to discover another beautiful country.

Some useful links about Iceland:

<http://www.visiticeland.com>

<http://www.bluelagoon.com>

<http://www.visitreykjavik.is>

The Scout Association: <http://www.scout.is>

Grand Hotel Reykjavik: http://www.reykjavikhotels.is/reykjavikhotels/grand_hotel/english/

My story...

Some young women tell us their stories of their Guiding live.

I remember vividly seeing, the Trefoil logo on one of the green books in our home back in 1986. I used to wonder what it symbolized. Those were all of my mother's Guiding books. Then came the day I was enrolled as a Brownie then as a Guide and it finally sank in that that was the Girl Guides Trefoil logo. I used to enjoy the activities, the rhymes, the songs which I am now teaching my children in schools and of course, the camps. Since we were on a small island, we used to go out in patrols to collect firewood and cook our meals in open fire. The values of Guiding have instilled in me qualities such as respect, trust, responsibility, consideration for others and to always lend a helping hand. Now that I am a leader, a teacher, a wife and a mother, these values have helped me become a much better person and a responsible citizen, thanks to Guiding!

Mere Tinai Rimorimo (Tina), Fiji



A person without social life is just like a handicapped person. Guiding has done a lot to me as an individual and the way I am with my family. I used to be a very shy person who could not speak in public, but today through help of Guiding, I can now stand before my President and make an excellent speech.

Guiding is full of adventures; it has taken me to countries and towns where I never dreamed to go. I have lots of friends from all over the world. Academically I am fit, for I am always prepared.

Enemuo Florence Chidiogo, Nigeria



I first joined the Guiding family as a Brownie when I was nine. At the same time, the little me has no idea on what Guiding is about. I was just solely attracted by the smart uniform. Yet, through participating in various activities and training, I can't stop realizing how these enhance the values of self-reliance, honesty and trustworthiness. It also helps you develop courage and resilience in facing challenges. In short, the Guiding program is unique in that it touches on many aspects of personality development, which helps to train an outstanding leader, a caring person and a tough survivor in adverse situations.

My Guider has played an important role in my Guiding life. With her unstinting efforts, patience and love, and I have a very enriching and fruitful Guiding life. In our training, she seldom teaches us through spoon-feeding; instead, she let us learn through experience in all these years. I am very fortunate to have tons of opportunities to participate in and organize various activities. Apart from having involved myself in the unit, I am also active in taking part in different working groups in the Association, through which, my leadership and social skills have been enhanced.

Kwan Hoi Lam Alisa, Hong Kong



I have been in Guiding since I was 6 years old, but in the beginning I didn't realise how "big" Guiding is. When I grew up, I went on International camps and got an impression about the Internationality of Guiding. In 2000, we had a national camp for Brownies and I was there as a leader and we met the Guides from Rwanda who we have a partnership with. That was so impressive! From that moment on, I realized Guiding was even bigger than I thought and that there are no borders for us so I decided to join the national working group on our partnership with Rwanda, and now my heart is really in to this. I grew as a person because all the experiences I gained from this work. Last September, I finally went to Rwanda. That was the most impressive experience in my Guiding life - to see what Guiding means to other people, what they are doing and how they change the world for the better. I now have friends from all over the world and we all have one thing in common; our love for Guiding and our wish to change the world. So I went on collecting more experiences, and worked as a volunteer in Our Chalet in Switzerland. I attended some sessions of the Helen Storrow Seminar and I made it to Sangam to attend the Juliette Low Seminar. I still can't believe that this is true and can't imagine how my life would be without Guiding.

Cornelia (Conny) Wolf, Germany

OB-PS Annual Event India 2006

OB-PS members were delighted to be in India for the first Event to be held in that country, and took the opportunity to see as much of the country as they could. For many, it was their first visit. The Event was held over two sites, Mumbai and Pune. Members began their visit in Mumbai, and joined in tours to see the city. They met together for a spectacular and colourful Gala Dinner – the first time that everyone had been together, and an opportunity to meet with the volunteers who had worked so hard in preparing for the Event. This provided the opportunity for the first presentation of the new Princess Benedikte Award: recognition of major contributors to WAGGGS over several years.

Guests then made the journey to Pune – some to stay in hotels, but many to stay at Sangam – the WAGGGS World Centre in India. The traditional Welcome Evening at Sangam was fascinating, with Hindu and Guiding ceremony resulting in the lighting of friendship lamps, and everyone receiving a garland of fresh flowers. The Presentation Evening was also held at Sangam, where over 20 members were presented to the Princess. The sparkling faces of the young members of the choir who sang in between the presentations will be long remembered! The monsoon during that evening will also be remembered, as the rain seemed to find its way through the tent. Members will not forget the vision of HRH Princess Benedikte, in a



stunning yellow outfit together with Wellington boots worn to avoid the huge puddles following the monsoon downpour!

As usual, the Event was not all play, and the Members' Meetings were held over two days in Hotels in Pune. Members heard reports about the business aspect of OB-PS and learnt some of the ways in which WAGGGS has used their donations. Members will long remember the enthusiasm of Priyanka Halunde, who had just returned from working as a volunteer at Pax Lodge and the truly dramatic way the experience had changed her life. Elspeth Henderson, the Chairman of the WAGGGS World Board, gave a challenging insight into to the work of WAGGGS. She talked about the goal of Leadership Development, value-based leadership, and the opportunity for OB-PS members to invest in the future of young women - a high return for no risk. It was a powerful speech.



HRH Princess Benedikte made herself readily available to chat to as many new (and old) members as possible. She challenged all of those present to find one new member by the next gathering.

Lydia Mutare, Strategies for Growth Director in WAGGGS, also gave a powerful speech. She talked at length about the Juliette Low Seminar that had just finished at Sangam. There are two held every triennium at a different World Centre and they often become life-changing experiences for the participants who come from all over the globe. Lydia talked of these young women being leaders of tomorrow, but the world that young women face today is a more challenging world than that which many OB-PS members have experienced. It is difficult to apply the values from the Law and the Promise in everyday life. She summarised these discussions as 'real issues'. Lydia made us think and feel inspired to be part of the major support group for WAGGGS.

The Members' Meeting concluded with an invitation to come to Iceland for the next OB-PS Annual Event. We look forward to seeing you there!



And the view from Sangam ...



The staff and volunteers at Sangam enjoyed welcoming their visitors from all over the world! Sally Thornton, World Centre Manager at Sangam said: *'This year's visit of OB-PS members to Sangam was an amazing opportunity for our World Centre to share with the members all that we have to offer. From the Welcome Ceremony for 150 plus people on our campsite in a giant tent, to shopping trips in the bazaars of Pune and then the contrast of meeting people involved in community service organizations with whom we partner – it was all a great experience. For our volunteers and staff to be able to meet OB-PS members from around the world and share the Sangam Indian experience was truly special. We know that we now have many more supporters who will help to spread the Spirit of Sangam in an ever widening circle and encourage more leaders and young women to attend our programmes and seminars.'*

News from OB-PS

Update on Individual Giving

Elaine Paterson

Warmest congratulations to all of the members of OB-PS! You have responded overwhelmingly to the variety of funding opportunities that the Board presented to you in January 2006. Thank you – all of you.

I would like to give you information on each of the options just so you can see what a difference you have made. These options are ongoing, so please do keep contributing – OB-PS can really make a difference!

Project Pakistan – Health and Welfare of Children

Many members around the world found this a compelling Project and donations exceeded the target amount. You can read more about it earlier in this Review, together with the Project in Benin that the Board has selected for OB-PS support during 2007. Please give as generously as you did for Pakistan. As you can see, this is another very deserving venture.

The Anne Scott Fund

As many of you know, our small grants and scholarship fund was named after Anne as recognition of all of her work with OB-PS. This fund provides valuable and short-time response support for Member Organizations as they work on small, discreet projects, and also for girls and young women, to enable them to attend trainings and seminars.

This year alone you donated £2,076 to this Fund.

Annual Gifts and Supporting Members

Again you responded generously to this idea. Five members have made an annual donation and seven have committed to support OB-PS on a longer term basis by becoming supporting members and donating at least £250 per year for three years.

The total amount received during 2006 in these categories was £2,615.

Corporate Memberships

You are all doing an excellent job recruiting individual members to OB-PS but we do want to remind you that it is possible to have corporate memberships as well - just another option for those of you who have contacts in the world of business.

Princess Benedikte Awards



One of the most exciting of the new opportunities is the Princess Benedikte Award which recognizes those members who have made an outstanding contribution to WAGGGS. We presented the first three of these awards at the Gala Dinner in Mumbai to Helen Laird, Vibeke Reimer and Lars Kolind. The Board was thrilled when Princess Benedikte honoured OB-PS with the use of her name and insignia to recognize these long term, committed donors. I am also delighted to tell you that we have now received an anonymous donation to cover the costs of making these beautiful awards. Thank you!

HRH Princess Benedikte said –*'It gave me great pleasure to present the first of the Princess Benedikte Awards. The generosity of these three is amazing, and I hope that I will be presenting many more Awards in the future!'*

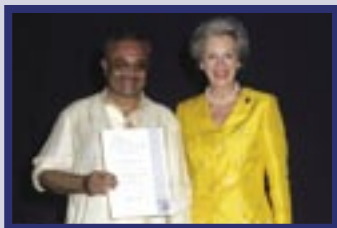
We are pleased to welcome the following new members into OB-PS

<i>Akiko Aoki</i>	Japan	<i>Stephen Myers</i>	United States of America
<i>Ekua Abudu</i>	Nigeria	<i>Enedina Duarte Nascimento</i>	Brazil
<i>Coronel Alkindar Bona</i>	Brazil	<i>Yvette Naville-Lombard</i>	Switzerland
<i>Joan Baden-Powell</i>	Australia	<i>Kirsten Neimann</i>	Denmark
<i>Hilary Marion Cairns</i>	Australia	<i>Sergio Noschang</i>	Brazil
<i>Regis Conte</i>	Brazil	<i>Novo Nordisk</i>	Brazil
<i>Linda S Dahm</i>	United States of America	<i>Anne Catherine Olesen</i>	Brazil
<i>Barbara Darwood</i>	United Kingdom	<i>Victoria Onigbanjo</i>	Nigeria
<i>Irene Darwood</i>	United Kingdom	<i>Sun Young Park</i>	Korea
<i>Ersi Dicomitou</i>	Cyprus	<i>Barbara Peart</i>	United Kingdom
<i>Barbara Fairbairn</i>	Australia	<i>Tracey Peoples</i>	New Zealand
<i>Robert Ferdon</i>	United States of America	<i>**Martin Petersen</i>	Brazil
<i>Elizabeth Ferrier</i>	United Kingdom	<i>Hon Gwenllian Philipps OBE</i>	United Kingdom
<i>JoAnne Fischer</i>	United States of America	<i>Luis Cezar Ribeiro</i>	Brazil
<i>Leila Fowler</i>	Nigeria	<i>Birgit Riemer</i>	Denmark
<i>Kristel Glavind</i>	Denmark	<i>Dr Ellen Ringier</i>	Switzerland
<i>Ruth Griffith</i>	United Kingdom	<i>Marta Rotkirch</i>	Finland
<i>Alcy Grecca P. R. Guimarães</i>	Brazil	<i>*Catherine Schulthess</i>	Switzerland
<i>Vivi E.B.K. Hastrup</i>	Denmark	<i>Gbeminyi Smith</i>	Nigeria
<i>Elspeth Henderson</i>	Ireland	<i>Mary Ellen Snow</i>	United States of America
<i>Solveig Hillbro</i>	Sweden	<i>Gladys Regina Strommer de Farias</i>	Brazil
<i>Madeleine Huber</i>	Switzerland	<i>Ulrik Tofte Jensen</i>	Denmark
<i>Barbara Johnson</i>	United States of America	<i>Marja Viita</i>	Finland
<i>Toshio Kawakami</i>	Brazil	<i>Ricardo Vontobel</i>	Brazil
<i>Chong Hee Kim</i>	Korea	<i>Adrienne Wille King</i>	United States of America
<i>Antoinette Kunz-Oeri</i>	Switzerland	<i>Frank Woodhead</i>	Brazil
<i>Philip Leason</i>	United Kingdom	<i>Kimiko Yanase</i>	Japan
<i>Zaira Logemann</i>	Brazil	<i>Ivan Zurita</i>	Brazil
<i>Michael Loomes</i>	United Kingdom	<i>Anonymous member</i>	India
<i>Martha Manley</i>	United States of America	<i>Anonymous member</i>	Norway
<i>Lily Marinho</i>	Brazil		
<i>Kristine McCann</i>	United States of America		
<i>Toshiko Mikasa</i>	Japan		

* In Memoriam

** Deceased

Focus on - Ramesh K. Bhojwani



Ramesh is a new OB-PS member, from India, and was presented to HRH Princess Benedikte in Pune. Ramesh says that his reason for

joining OB-PS was the spirit with which everyone in OB-PS was trying to make this world a better place, and to give girls an even chance to survive

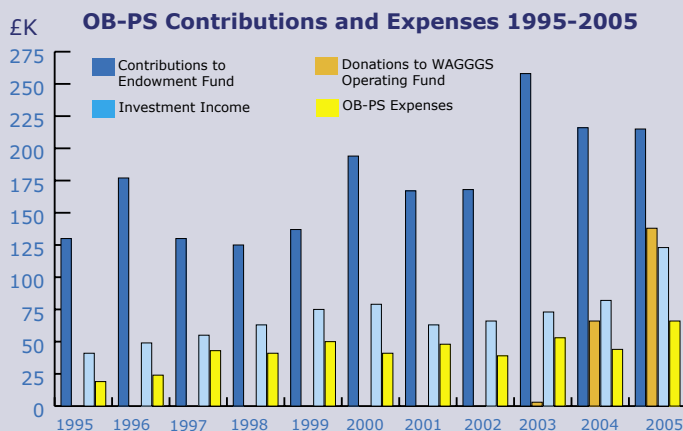
in this male-dominated society. His greatest inspiration was Mrs. Armaity Dastur, who retired from the Board of Directors of OB-PS in September 2006. Ramesh would like to think of himself as a reasonably successful jeweller who is keen to combine his work, with promoting the cause of OB-PS! OB-PS members who attended the Event this year had the opportunity to purchase his jewellery in Mumbai, and will know that a percentage of his sales was donated to OB-PS.

Financial Summary

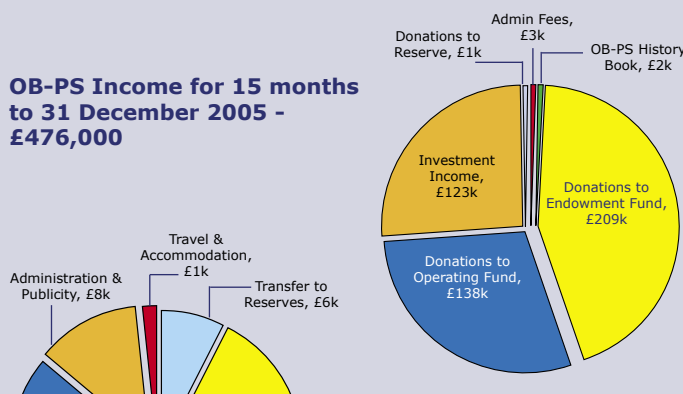
OB-PS members will remember that the WAGGGS financial year has changed and now ends at the 31 December. The accounting period until December 2005 therefore was fifteen months in length. The OB-PS accounts are part of WAGGGS accounts, and the full audited accounts of WAGGGS can be accessed through the WAGGGS website at www.wagggsworld.org

The ten year bar chart has been restated to show both investment income on the Endowment Fund, and the Investment Managers' fees for the period. Both these amounts have been calculated to be proportionate to the funding given to WAGGGS by OB-PS. The income/expenditure ratio for OB-PS, for 2005, was 14%.

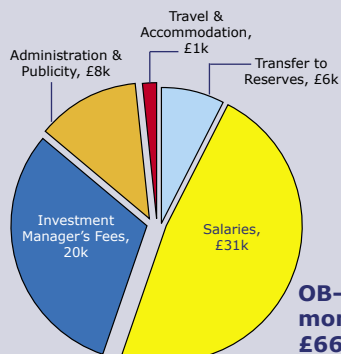
The two pie charts show income and expenditure for the 15 month period in more detail. Whilst the longer period meant that costs in some areas were higher than normal, overall, the contribution made to WAGGGS was in excess of that anticipated.



OB-PS Income for 15 months to 31 December 2005 - £476,000



OB-PS Expenditure for 15 months to 31 December 2005 - £66,000



Obituaries

Dagny Stromwall was involved with the Guiding Movement for over 40 years. During that time she was also a trainer, both at home and overseas. The UK Girl Guides Association recognized her outstanding work with the Beaver Award.

Dorothy Woolley who passed away last December had been in Guiding since 1952. Her roles included being a State Commissioner, Chairman of the Awards Committee and Chairman of the Guides Australia Management Event.

Sheila Owen Walker, CBE, JP had a significant career in the UK Guiding movement, holding the post of Chief Commissioner in 1975. She was appointed a CBE in 1981.

William R (Rocky) Bonsal III, member and husband of past Board Vice President, Patsy Bonsal died in January 2006. He was always deeply committed to Patsy's involvement in Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting.

Keiko Muto of Japan was a founder member of the OB-PS. She served as the International Secretary at the National Headquarters of the Girl Scouts of Japan for six years and also worked as a volunteer in Sangam, India.

Barbara Stevens passed away in April, a month short of her hundredth birthday. She was involved in Guiding in Australia until she moved to the United Kingdom in 1974 when she became Guider-in-Charge at Olave House. She celebrated her 60th anniversary in Girl Guiding in July 1983.

Wyna Toye, who had been a member of OB-PS for a number of years, died in May. Born in Scotland, she emigrated to Canada and helped Guiding from the moment she arrived in the country. She had been fighting cancer for over eight years and had been in hospital since the end of February.

Peg (Margaret) Barr died in July, after a long battle with dementia. She was a wonderful Guide friend, a World Trainer and among her many talents, an incomparable Camp-fire Leader.

Avril Lore was second in a line of four generations of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting. She had been a member for over 50 years. Her hope and dream was for Guiding and Scouting to continue and be available for many more generations. Avril died of cancer in September.

Edith "Mama" Katz was "gifted" in 2004 with membership of the OB-PS by members and former members of Girl Scouts USA. Edith had been in Girl Scouting for over 75 years and had been involved with the GSUSA Wider Opportunity Program. She had been ill for some time.

Muriel Clarke died in November. Muriel was also an Honorary Associate of WAGGGS, and a former member of the WAGGGS Finance Committee. She was very involved, successfully, in fundraising during the building of Pax Lodge.

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