

Canadian Newsletter

January 2009

Happy New Year greetings to all our 31 Canadian OB-PS members. In Calgary, where I'm writing this, it certainly does feel wintery – extremely cold and lots of snow. I don't think any of us escaped dramatic winter weather this holiday season, no matter where in Canada we call home.

Meeting of Members

It has been decided to have an informal get-together in Toronto at the end of the month to talk about Society membership and future plans. Joan Woodland has kindly offered to host our meeting on **Friday January 30th at 1:30 p.m.** Please RSVP to Bev (gordon.b@sympatico.ca) or Marjory (marjory@telus.net)

33rd World Conference News

Six countries were accepted as Full Members at the Conference. They are Burundi, Chad, Dominica, Hungary, Malawi and Russia. The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Lithuania and Syria were accepted as Associate members. Samoa and Vanuatu are no longer members. The World Association now has 145 Member Organizations.

A new Global Action Theme was launched. Girls worldwide say "Together we can change the world."

The centenary theme girls worldwide say "100 years of changing lives" (pictured) was announced at the 33rd World Conference in South Africa.



The centenary message incorporates the colours of WAGGGS' five regions. There will be guidelines for Member Organizations on how to use the centenary message

Did you know that..

- Canada's Chief Commissioner Elect is Chris Burton of Alberta
- Marlene Graham (photographer for OB-PS meeting in Vancouver) has been appointed the National Program Advisor.
- The 34th World Conference will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland in 2011

Future OB-PS Meeting Dates

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| Seoul, Korea | Sept 10-13, 2009 |
| Bath, U.K. | May 14-16, 2010 |



Korean OB-PS members listening to presentation of plans for September 2009 meeting in Seoul at the Vancouver meeting.

Repeat, but important news.

Margaret Treloar, one our OB-PS members, was elected Chair of the World Board at the World Conference in South Africa. Congratulations Marg!



Joan Howell and Margaret Treloar in Vancouver

Email or address/phone changes?

Please let Beverley Gordon
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760-7230 or Marjory Patterson
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any change of contact information.

Photos by Marlene Graham

Financial Report

Vancouver, April 2008

The chart below gives a picture of the money donated by our members and others to help defray the costs to OB-PS Canada of the event in Vancouver. Our members were generous to the extent that all costs were covered with no difficulty. The money left was sent to OB-PS in London to be added to the Joan Howell membership account.

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| Receipts | | | |
| Nov - April | Donations & Interest | \$9,494.36 | \$9,494.36 |
| April | Donations, Photo CDs, Shirts, Crests | \$1,876.06 | \$11,370.42 |
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| Expenses | Zone West for crests | -\$553.56 | \$10,816.86 |
| | Hoselton figures | -\$1,286.97 | \$9,529.89 |
| | chocolate trefoils | -\$244.00 | \$9,285.89 |
| | reception | -\$5,365.04 | \$3,920.85 |
| | postage | -\$41.45 | \$3,879.40 |
| | Delta Hotel | -\$1,235.10 | \$2,644.30 |
| | photo CD's | -\$911.59 | \$1,732.71 |
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| April | Donations in Kind | \$205.62 | |

OB-PS Canada has a balance of \$285.00 as we move forward into 2009. This is almost exactly where we were before our Vancouver adventure began.