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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everybody enjoyed the summer, and made the best of all the hot weather here in the Maritimes. We are now back into the fall cycle and the planning for a number of socials is in the works. Also we are hoping that our first holiday package will go, and it promises to be a great experience.

*"Fly and you will
catch the wind;
dream and you
will reach your
goal."*

- Anonymous

*"The difficulties
of life are
intended to make
us better, not
bitter."*

- Anonymous

With regard to our newsletter, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find interesting news items, and for this we request your support. We naturally can always give you regular reports on such things as membership and social events, but personal contributions from you, our members, would make this newsletter something for you all to look forward to. Even if you do not want to write an article yourself, just call me, or Jackie Dale, and give us your idea. We would welcome your help with items of interest, suggestions for improvement, or generally how we can make this newsletter work for you.

I sure hope to see and visit with you at the events planned for this fall and winter.

Bob Reiniger

WHO AM I (#3)?

Naval research in years past was my game.
Knew many people (Worthington, Metcalf, and Sullivan) of fame.
Measured the content of dissolved salts in the sea.
Expeditions took me from the open Atlantic, Caribbean Sea,
both cold polar oceans, and the chilly Pacific.
Worked with all disciplines, none specific.
Sailed on nearly all ships of the BIO fleet,
some triumphant, others tragic in memory I keep.
Witnessed the aftermath of the Rangers demise,
the Baffin's last voyage after a refit disguise.

As you have probably recognized, the above puzzle is a carry-over from our July issue. Would you believe that we do not yet have a winner? Dale Buckley, who is the only one who knows the answer, says that this one-time BIO staff member was well known around the Institute. So put your thinking caps on, and give Bob Reiniger a call. Don't forget, the first person to call with the right answer wins a prize!

*"True
friendship
comes when
silence
between two
people is
comfortable"*

- David Tyson
Gentry

CANADA

Canada is a vast country. It stretches from sea to sea. It is bounded by three great oceans and an international boundary.

It was discovered by early European explorers like Cabot, Cartier and Champlain. Since the 16th century, it has been settled by many ethnic immigrants from all over the world.

Today, Canada has 30 million people who call it home. It is the envy of the world. It is recognized as the best country by international authorities.

Canada is recognized as a world leader because of its democratic government, its freedom, its tolerant and multi-racial society, its mosaic cultures, its universal health care, its modern education system, its technology, its social welfare system, its peace keepers and many other attractive diversities.

On this, our 132nd birthday, and only several months prior to the new millennium, Canadians have much to be thankful for.

On Canada Day, we should with one loud clear voice say, "Thank God for being blessed with such a beautiful and bountiful country".

In my many journeys abroad, my homecoming always exhilarated me. I was home at last; in my country, Canada.

Long live Canada and Canadians!

Earle Wagner
Master Mariner
Merchant Navy Veteran, WW II
July 1, 1999

The above patriotic tribute, written by one of our own members, was used during the 1999 Canada Day official ceremonies. It is a moving reminder to every one of us of the tremendous advantages of being Canadian.

Many thanks Earle for your contribution to our newsletter (Editor).

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**Cocktail Party, HMCS *Sackville*****Friday, November 15, 1999, 06:30 – 08:30 PM****Cost : \$15/person**

This year, the HMCS *Sackville* will be berthed at HMC Dockyard. Guests will be able to enter the Dockyard for this occasion, and convenient parking will be available near the ship.

Members are welcome to bring friends who are interested in seeing the vessel. Guides will be available, but some of you may be familiar with the ship and prefer to look around on your own. The *Sackville* has been returned to the 1944 wartime standard, but many of you will still be able to recognize the vessel used by BIO for research purposes.

Bosko Loncarevic will give a short review of research cruises taken on the *Sackville* by BIO and DFO-related groups.

As before, snacks and drinks will be provided, and following a suggestion made by one of our members, snacks will be more plentiful.

Also as we did last year, for the benefit of the ship's catering services, please call Ted Smith or Betty Anderson if you plan to attend, and arrange to send your payment at least three days prior to the event.

Christmas Party, BIO**December 1999**

Don't forget that the members of the Association are expected to attend the Christmas get-together in the BIO cafeteria on the morning of the day before BIO staff leave for the Christmas break. You will be reminded of this by the telephone committee early in December.

Winter Social**Owl's Club, Dartmouth****February 2000 (tentative)**

Sharon and Don Locke have agreed to look after this event once again. Although Don has not yet been able to reach the necessary people, we are hoping that once again they will agree to rent the facilities to us. Those who attended last year's "do" had a great time. We had snacks, coffee, and there was an open bar. The club is situated right on the shore of Banook Lake, and is a great place to have a party. As before, we will probably have games, or you can come just to socialize. Certainly, suggestions are welcome. Watch the January newsletter for details.

THE TRAVEL CORNER

Travelling the British Inland Waters by Narrowboat

Plans for this trip are well under way, with a tentative date of late May/early June of 2000. To date, we plan to book two boats, with a possible third, and are awaiting catalogues and brochures from several reputable companies who have boats for hire. Cost will be approximately \$1,000/week/boat, or about \$600/per person, will allow for excellent accommodation, and cover everything except food and, of course, airfare. Boats are very well outfitted, with bathrooms, showers, and kitchen facilities. Weather at the chosen time of year promises to be good. Most people making the trip plan to extend their length of stay to cover visits with relatives and/or friends, or tours to London, rural England or Europe.

For those of us who have already committed to this trip, the more we hear and read, the keener we get. We've certainly had nothing but positive feedback from the many people we know who have already taken one of these vacations. If you're interested in joining us, but aren't yet ready to commit, call Jackie Dale (466-2584) or Clive Mason (469-2085/426-3869). We can give you lots of details, and make sure you are notified of our next meeting, when we plan to review travel material. We would like to book the boats before December, and we would love to have you come and join us for what promises to be one great holiday!

Bus Trip to Cape Breton

Much to the disappointment of those who wanted to participate, plans for a bus trip over the Cabot Trail had to be put aside. The smallest bus available carries 14 passengers, but with less than 10 people prepared to commit, the cost/person became unrealistic. Perhaps we can try again next year.

A Note to All Past and Potential Travelers

We would like to hear from you, with tidbits of information about the places you have visited, e.g., your favourite places, types of accommodation, restaurants you particularly liked and why, activities available for both adults and children, best time of year to visit, etc. Also, if you hear of any trips that might interest some of our members, we would be glad to publish those too.

UPDATE ON BRIDGE

Under the inveterate bridge enthusiast Rosena Jackson, the bridge group met three Sunday afternoons during this past year in the lower cafeteria at BIO.

Get-togethers were on April 11th, May 2nd and May 30th. Balon Buckley (son of Dale) gave some very useful pointers on defence.

To date, approximately 12 people have participated in these Sunday meetings, and anyone who would like to join in the fun is very welcome – the more the merrier. However, we need someone to take over from Rosena, to set dates and arrange for the use of the cafeteria. Would anyone be willing to do this? In the meantime, many thanks to Rosena for getting this off the ground.

*When I am
An old woman*

*I shall wear purple.
With a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me.
And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves
And satin sandals. And say we've no money for butter.
I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired.
And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells.
And run my stick along the public railings.
And make up for the sobriety of my youth.
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain.
And pick the flowers in other people's gardens.
And learn to spit.
You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat.
And eat three pounds of sausages at a go.
Or only bread and a pickle for a week.
And hoard pens and pencils and beer mats and things in boxes.
But now we must have clothes that keep us dry
And pay our rent and not swear in the street.
And set a good example for the children.
We will have friends to dinner and read the papers.
But maybe I ought to practise a little now?
So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised.
When suddenly I am old and start to wear purple*

From Warning by Jenny Joseph

PERSONALS

A belated expression of sympathy is extended to Evelyn Penny, whose son Douglas passed away almost a year ago, after a lengthy illness. He was 45. We also extend a sincere apology for our tardiness.

BIO-Oceans Association member Vern Coady passed away in April. Originally from Saskatchewan, Vern worked with AGC prior to his retirement. Again, our expression of sympathy for Vern's family is belated, but nonetheless sincere

Many of us were saddened last week to hear of the passing of Aridth Moreash. Prior to her retirement two years ago, Ardith was a familiar and highly regarded figure in the Materiel Management Division at BIO. Our thoughts are with her husband Ken and other family members.

We were also very sorry to hear that Vera, wife of Leamon Hunter, passed away April 23, 1999. Our sincere condolences are extended to Leamon and his family.

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PLEASE READ AND RESPOND!!!

We are making a desperate cry for help for contributions to our newsletter. If you enjoy reading it, please try to come up with some way to help us improve and increase the content. We are sadly lacking in ideas, and what little creativity we have exhibited to date is steadily dwindling to a big zero. We need all kinds of news: if you go on a trip, tell us about it; give us information on any subject in which you are particularly interested and know more about than the rest of us; tell us of any good restaurants, local or otherwise; where one can get a good meal for a reasonable fee; let us know whether you have a new grandchild; or if there is a funny story to tell about one of them. If you have the time and energy to put something together, that would be fine, but all we really need in many cases is a phone call with an idea. We will do the rest.

We don't want to give up on our newsletter, especially if members enjoy receiving it. If you aren't enjoying it, or are not reading it, tell us what we can do to make you change your opinion. Please help.

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ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

We still have not received enough of a response to this event to go ahead with it. Carl Cunningham and Marlene Karg are willing to help Gordon Bowdridge with the organization. George Anderson, Carl Cunningham, Dave Harvey, John Legere and Bill Moore have offered to contribute in the areas of music, painting, stamp collection, gardening and boat modelling respectively. If we could find another eight exhibitors within our own Association, we could then approach BIO staff to participate as well. Please give Gordon, Carl or Marlene a call if you can contribute, or know another retiree who can. It could turn into a really great event.

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