

BOY SCOUTS OF CANADA
CANADIAN COUNCIL OF B.-P. GUILDS

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This year is going to be another busy year for your Canadian Council as this year we hold our first meeting since we were established in 1977. We had hoped that we could meet in person but as this would entail too much expense we have agreed to hold a telephone conference. The date has not been set as there is a great deal of advance preparation to be done or else little is realized other than a sore ear. As part of this preparation your secretary is drafting a handbook which will be reviewed before being sent to the Guilds for comment prior to printing. You have been asked for suggestions on contents. This is your last opportunity to contribute so let's have your ideas without delay. Also if there are any other matters you feel should come under discussion for the telephone conference please let me know.

I am quite pleased with the response from establishing the Central Guild. We have members from across the country Whitehorse to Halifax, Trail, Dauphin and Winnipeg. Hopefully as the Central Guild gets to be known within scouting we will have more members.

The 2nd Guild in Victoria has sent a report on their 1979 activities which include membership on the Greater Victoria Region Council, serving on Honours and Awards for the Region, assisting at the "Big Country" Jamboree canteen and the United Way "Walkathon" and other fund raising projects.

I receive regular newsletters from the 4th Guild, Vancouver. In one of their recent ones they list their calendar of events for 1980 and it looks very full showing some activity or social event each month. They are planning on improving the sign posting into Camp Byng.

The 6th Canadian (1st Ontario), Toronto Guild report on a "tea party" held in December where several invited guests attended including members from the Region. They set Sunday May 11, 1980 as the date for their next meeting so if any of you are in Toronto around that date you are most welcome to attend. We also understand that they are in the process of establishing a Guild in North Waterloo, we wish them success.

Word has come from the Provincial Council for Nova Scotia that they are giving support to the formation of a Guild in Halifax. Fred Kitch, an enthusiastic former member of the Australia International Fellowship and member of our Central Guild will be taking this matter in hand. We are looking forward to our first guild in the Atlantic Provinces very soon.

"Gone Home" : A.S. Fleming, 6th Canadian.
Gerald Brawn, 8th Canadian.

The Vancouver-Coast Region of Boy Scout has an article in their recent issue of "Woodsmoke" on the B.-P. Guild. It deals with British Columbia. It outlines some of the services performed by the Guilds as well as noting that there are many hours of former scouting which could be drawn upon if only Guilds were organized to co-ordinate them. It suggests that there could quite easily be a Guild in each district and that scouters in the district could assist in the formation of Guilds in their district. You as Guild members could help carry this message to scouters you know.

As many of you know, before Canada became a member country of the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides, we all were part of the Central Branch. Dr. Walle Van Popta was Honourary Registrar of that Branch and in a recent newsletter in which he retires from this position he states: "Our CENTRAL BRANCH has enabled many "displaced-persons" and inhabitants of non-IFCFSAG member countries not only to become members of the International Fellowship, but also to come in contact with each other, especially by "Group" formation. I hope that as long as this will be necessary the CENTRAL BRANCH will go on and will give you an opportunity to carry Scout ideals into the world we live in, - I thank you for your cooperation and friendship, especially mentioning our representatives from the U.S.A. and Canada: Bob Stoessel and Seymour Archbold".

I partially quote this letter because of the reference to Seymour who has done a great deal as our International Secretary and Registrar and because, in many ways, I think it applies to our Central Guild in a less world wide manner.

I understand that several members are planning on attending the 14th General Assembly in Dijon, France, July 20-25, 1981. It is not too early to consider these plans as before long we will be getting papers concerning this Assembly and decisions will have to be made regarding attendance. I do hope we can have a good delegation this time so ask you to keep this in mind for 1981.

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