



New Executive for 2007 - 2010 *From left to right:* Doug Stanbrook, Vice-President; Bill Bennett, Past President; Mark Young, Treasurer; Wayne McMillan, Secretary; and John Edwards, Registrar. Our new President, Jane M. Johnston is pictured in the column far right.



Doug and Jane had the honour of representing the Canadian Fellowship at the Centennial Scouter Conference 2007 **"ONE WORLD, ONE PROMISE"** in Vancouver, British Columbia. What a great way to celebrate a hundred years of Scouting. John Chow (Pacific Coast Council Commissioner) and Pacific Coast Council were our hosts for the weekend.

There were over 600 in attendance with participants from Hong Kong, China, Japan, Uganda, Korea the Philippines, the USA and Canada.

Keynote speakers for the weekend included: Herman Hui (Chairman, World Scout Committee), Wayne Perry, (Chair, Membership Development Task Force WOSM), Michael Gerbis (CEO Delphi Group on Climate Change,) Richard Louv (Author of the book "Last Child in Woods", Craig Kielburger (Scouts Canada Centennial Ambassador)

On Friday night we presented Pierre Laurin (Scouts Canada Risk Manager) with the B-P Guild Medal of Recognition for his efforts assisting us in obtaining insurance.

On Saturday we attended a number of workshops and the Scouts Canada AGM. At the AGM Jane thanked Scouts Canada for all their assistance in the past year and expounded upon the work done by various Guilds for Scouts Canada over the year.

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President's Message:

I am very honoured to be appointed President of the Canadian Fellowship for the next 3 years. I look forward to working with each and every one of you. I hope the next 3 years will be bring lots of opportunities-communications and membership growth.

Communication will be the focus of the next 3 years. The Communication Officers' are busy constructing their e-mail lists. The webmaster is updating the website. Many of you have come to enjoy our newsletter Mamook Papah. Rest assured that Mamook will continue to be published. I personally will be communicating on regular bases thru emails, the website, Mamook Papah and even the telephone. Should you have any concerns do not hesitate to contact me.

With the implementation of insurance this past year, the Fellowship has seen a growth of approximately 25%. We now have the task of retaining all current membership and continuing to grow.

I would like to thank the entire new executive for agreeing to serve with me for the next 3 years. Many hours of personal time are dedicated to the Fellowship.

I hope the members will continue to be involved in important matters of the Fellowship such as the new Constitution.

Yours in Fellowship
Jane

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## New Ontario Guilds

Sunday of the 2007 Ontario Gilwell Reunion saw an investment of the likes that have never happened before. After Scouts Own Jane invested approximately 90 new Guild members into the Fellowship. Our new Guilds are the 74<sup>th</sup> Haldimand, the 75<sup>th</sup> Forest City, the 76<sup>th</sup> Brant, the 77<sup>th</sup> Border City, the 78<sup>th</sup> Mississauga, the 79<sup>th</sup> Canal Connection, the 80<sup>th</sup> Milton, the 81<sup>st</sup> Fruitbelt, the 82<sup>nd</sup> Hamilton-Wentworth, the 83<sup>rd</sup> OWASCO, the 84<sup>th</sup> East Willowdale, the 85<sup>th</sup> Northwest Bluewater, the 86<sup>th</sup> Wendat, the 87<sup>th</sup> Greater Halton, the 88<sup>th</sup> South Lake Simcoe, the 89<sup>th</sup> Kroy Acenes, the 90<sup>th</sup> Yellow Briar, the 91<sup>st</sup> West-Sub, and the 92<sup>nd</sup> Willow Valley. We also welcomed back the 53<sup>rd</sup> Nottawasaga. I would like to welcome all the new Guilds to the Fellowship. I look forward to working with each and every one of you.



## CONFERENCE(continued)

The weekend concluded with the Gilwell Reunion breakfast on Sunday morning which we all shared with Adam Baden-Clay (Baden Powell's Great Grandson.)

We met Guild members from: 1<sup>st</sup> Vancouver, 3<sup>rd</sup> Cowichan Valley, 20<sup>th</sup> London 30<sup>th</sup> Victoria, 38<sup>th</sup> Sur-Del, 40<sup>th</sup> Tri-City, 42<sup>nd</sup> Zhong Hua, 48<sup>th</sup> West Vancouver, 50<sup>th</sup> New Westminster, 61<sup>st</sup> St John 74<sup>th</sup> Haldimand, and 83<sup>rd</sup> OWASCO

GOOD FOOD, GOOD FUN,  
GOOD FELLOWSHIP.



Jane Johnston, Adam Baden-Clay, Doug Stanbrook and Nicole Baden-Clay

## Farewell & Best Wishes

Well where does one start after a ten year term on the Canadian Fellowship of B-P Guilds. It has been a very interesting, informative, exciting and some times trying experience. There were and still are many roads to travel throughout Canada where the B-P Guild's Spirit can carry on in our founders' footsteps. For those that have gone before me as well as those that follow your tasks are many. I wish the executive for 2008 - 2011 all the best in their many endeavours.

A special thank you to the Canadian Fellowship for the presentation of our National B-P Guild Emblem in stained glass. It will be a constant reminder of all that we stand for in this great land we call our home. For many you will remember this as the new crest that was introduced during our constitution revision in 2001 in Ottawa. For me it represents the many challenges that were met and surpassed over the past 10 years.

To the many members that welcomed me to your home over the years I send you a very heartfelt thank you. The Canadian Fellowship continues to be strong because of your dedication to the movement as well as your open arms policy.

Now as a World Committee Member of ISGF, along with your financial support to the Canadian

B-P Guild International Travel Fund, we have been able to keep the ongoing working relationship with the USA as well as many other countries in our hemisphere. I thank you for your generous contribution towards this endeavour. I hope early in 2008 to have exciting news to share with the Canadian B-P Guild Fellowship as to the new roads we may travel together in the western hemisphere. I will be working very hard on behalf of the entire western hemisphere to co-ordinate an open communication between all countries. Several other members on the World Committee will be working in the Asian Pacific as well as the African regions. After just completing our second year as a World Member of ISGF we have a better understanding of the internal workings. With your continued financial support to the Stamp Bank and the Col. Wilson Fund we are able to help so many. Looking forward to meeting and greeting you at the next ISGF World Conference in Vienna 2008.

I wish each and everyone a very Happy Holiday with you and yours. Till we meet again, may the wind be always at your back.

In friendship and fellowship,  
Linda

Linda C. Bates

Past Canadian Fellowship B-P  
Guilds Executive

Presently World Committee Member  
2005 - 2011

## Guildmembers and Guilds Donate...

There are several funds that the Canadian Fellowship encourages Guilds to give donations to support the efforts of ISGF.

This year, several Guilds and individuals have responded wholeheartedly in the true spirit of Scouting and Guiding.

The Stamp Bank. Under the able direction of the 15<sup>th</sup> B-P Guild, we have sent in \$261 dollars. Besides funds raised from collecting stamps from all Guilds, the 67<sup>th</sup> and Central Guild member Jo Brewer sent in funds.

The J.S. Wilson Fund. The 7<sup>th</sup> B-P Guild faithfully supports this fund each year. Thank you for your \$65 to this fund. Well done.

The Spirit Flame Project. This one time fund raiser has been enthusiastically supported by Canadian Guilds and individual members. Included in this list are the 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 48<sup>th</sup> and 67<sup>th</sup>, Nonie Foster, Don Copan, Ron Lyon, Lynda Koudys and John Meed as well as the Canadian Fellowship. We are sending in \$664.00. You can read about the progress of the torch across Africa and Europe on the Fellowship website.

Future Issues:

**Spring, 2008**

Submission deadline: February 29, 2008

**Summer 2008**

Submission deadline: May 31, 2008



Ken Hall, Guildmaster for 7th, received a 25th Anniversary Recognition Certificate from Jane M Johnston, President

## ERRATA

In our last issue, the late Norm Pascoe and the late John Waddell were erroneously identified as belonging to the 69th Guild. They were both members of the 7th Guild. We apologize for the error.

## 2007 B-P Guild Medal of Recognition Recipients



**David Aitken** first joined the Scouting Movement in 1933 as a youth member in the Wolf Cub Program. He continued his youth membership through Cubs, Scouts and Rovers. David eventually joined the professional side of Scouting by becoming a Scout Executive from 1951 to 1967. A portion of this time was actually served as a

years she faithfully supported Scouting in London, Ontario as a Cub Leader, Commissioner, Trainer, Service Team member and member of various Committees. If Alice took on a task you could be sure that it would be done on time and done well. Her sense of humour and dependability made her fun to be with and everyone enjoyed working with her. As a Commissioner she had one of the largest and busiest Teams in London and under her leadership the Team provided activities and camping for hundreds of youth and Leaders in the Northwest area of London for many years.

Alice is also an active member of the London Gilwell Group, serving in various capacities on its Executive Committee over the years.

**Together, our four award recipients rack up over 200 years of Scouting experience!**

member of the Executive Staff for London District, operating out of the London Council Office. When he decided to leave this career and go on to the Board of Education, David continued his Scouting life as a volunteer. He was recruited to the London Council Executive Committee in 1978, serving the London District in an operations role and helping to provide Scouting fun for hundreds of members, both youth and adult for many years.

Since 1983, David has been busy with the 20th London B-P Guild, of which he is a founding member. He has been the Guildmaster and Treasurer and has been an ardent worker and inspiring leader for the guild.

**Alice Richings** started her long Scouting adventure in 1951. For many



In 1987 Alice decided that she would cut back on her very active role in Scouting. Instead of leaving the movement she joined the 20<sup>th</sup> B.-P. Guild. Right from the start she took on the role of Program Coordinator which she continued to hold until 2006. Over the years she has planned numerous activities that have delighted Guild members and others.

**Hilda Nichols** first joined the Scouting Movement in 1946 with the 6<sup>th</sup> London Group.

Hilda served with this group for many years as Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster positively affecting the lives of many young Cubs. During these years she

took training and completed her Wood Badge. Picture L-R Donald Lee (Guildmaster), Dr. Hsin Kan Chen, Jerome Yeung MBE, Doug Stanbrook (V-P Canadian B-P in the Cub Pack Hil-

da served for a number of years on Service Team and also made a big contribution to the training of Leaders in the London area.

Hilda continued her dedication to Scouting by attending several Jamborees and working as a member of Jamboree staff In London, she served on several committees, including the Camp Committee helping to keep the two London campsites running well and



in good working order. Thus providing outdoor fun times for hundreds of youth over the years.

Along with her work with the youth of London, Hilda became and still is an



*The presentation of the B-P Fellowship of Canada Recognition Award to Jerome Yeung MBE of the 42nd Cdn. B-P Guild (Zhong Hua)*  
 Picture L-R Donald Lee (Guildmaster), Dr. Hsin Kan Chen, Jerome Yeung MBE, Doug Stanbrook (V-P Canadian B-P in the Cub Pack Hil-

active member of the London Gilwell Group. Up until recently she has been active with the planning and operating of activities each September at the Ontario Gilwell Reunion providing activities and fun for the hundreds of Wood Badge holders who attend this event.

In 1983 Hilda Nichols worked with other experienced Scouters in London to help organize and establish the 20<sup>th</sup> London B. P. Guild. Right from the start, Hilda was involved actively in this Guild.

Since 1946, for more than 55 years, Hilda Nichols has been a contributing, active member of the London Scouting Movement. Hilda not only helped with the creation of the first B. P. Guild in London, but for more than 20 years she has helped it to grow to the large, active Group that it is today.

## **SCOUTS CANADA SPECIAL B-P GUILD MEMBERSHIP FEE : \$56.50 FOR 2007/2008**

In addition to membership in the B-P Guild a Guild member may wish to take up or continue membership in Scouts Canada. A special fee for Guild members is available for registration as an adult member under the Scouts Canada Special B-P Guild Membership. Such applicants must follow the same process as for all Adult Membership Registrations, including the volunteer Screening Process for adult members.

The special fee covers membership in Scouts Canada, a subscription to the Canadian Leader magazine, Scouts Canada insurance coverage, and **eligibility for Scouting Honours and Awards**. Such members would also be listed in the Membership Management System (MMS) which would allow them to volunteer at overnight youth Scouting activities. If your local Scouts Canada Council Office has any concerns regarding the B-P Guild Special Fee refer them to B.P. & P Section 3002.1.

If you have any problems or want more information in respect to this membership please do not hesitate to contact Jane. If you have paid your Scouts Canada membership and are NOT receiving the Leader magazine please contact Jane.  
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## **The History of A Gilwell Walk In Nova Scotia**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Canadian B.P. Guild has been asked to present a "Gilwell Walk" to Wood Badge II courses, conferences and banquets. It is one of our favorite undertakings since it brings the Spirit of Scouting closer to all involved. Following is the explanation to all those who wish to "Walk With Us."

For many years Scoutmasters and Cubmasters in England took their Wood Badge Training at Gilwell Park. Toward the end of each course a time for individual reflection was arranged for each candidate. It was felt that this time would not only enhance the persons life but would give them a sense of satisfaction with their involvement in the Scouting movement.

An evening in the training was selected and a series of stations were set up along a path. They were often set in wooded areas and only lit by candles or camp lanterns. At each station one would see simple objects pertaining to the life of the founder, the history of the movement or the future. It was felt that these significant items would mean different things to each Scouter.

The Scouter was invited to begin the walk by either the Camp Chief or a Trainer. He/she may carry a candle lit from the campfire but no other source of light was allowed. His/her journey then began.

The Gilwell Walk was introduced in Nova Scotia by Arnold Smith, a former District Commissioner from St. Margarets Bay and now Scouting in Ontario. Arnold had taken his Wood Badge II at Gilwell Park and wanted to share this particular experience with others. He planned to take his Colony Wood Badge II and in June of 1981 asked the Camp Chief, Terry Lambert, if he, as a candidate, could set up a special presentation one evening after campfire. Permission was given and so the Colony Gilwell of 1981 was the start of the "Gilwell Walk" in Nova Scotia.

Many courses that year, and they still continue today, include the presentation of a "Gilwell Walk" in their schedule. Each one has its variation but all contain the chance of reflection.

For those that were on that Colony course, Camp Chief, Trainers and candidates alike will be forever grateful to Arnold Smith for his wish to share a memorable experience with his fellow Scouters.

Russ Beeswanger  
Guildmaster, 12th Halifax



### **Ann Beamish**

May 18, 66th Peterborough

### **David Bowes-Lyons**

August. David was the Guildmaster of the 83rd B-P Guild (OWASCO)

### **Jean Brown**

June 9, 20th London

### **George "Sonny" Davie**

With regrets we have lost one of our members of the 61st B-P Guild, a long-termed scouter of 35 years service. George passed away November 24th after a courageous battle from

different forms of cancer. Ever the helpful scouter, George loved to see the young beavers and cubs that he was mostly involved with step up the ladder of scouting. He was involved with two groups in his leadership years, and progressed them into the scouting area. He also took them on field trips and camporees. He was always at the scouting camporee at New River Beach, helping out with the "Hot Chocolate" stand making sure the cookies and hot chocolate were always ready for the scouters attending. We will miss George at our table at the guild meetings. At the memorial service at the church, there was an honour guard of members from the 61st B-P guild, as the urn with George's remains was taken out of the church. We will miss George,

### **Peggy McPhail**

June 7, 20th London

### **M. Miles**

91st, West Sub

## Ontario Fellowship of B – P Guilds Annual General Meeting

30 B-P Guild Members representing 10 Guilds from Ontario gathered at Blue Springs Scout Reserve on the weekend of October 12 - 14, 2007 to set an ambitious agenda for Fellowship, with a Tour to the Historical Railway Museum, a New Guild Information Session presented by Jane M Johnston - Canadian National President, Campfire, and Scouts Own. A Special Service was included in the Scouts Own for those members that have Gone Home in the past year, and as always, great social time to renew acquaintances.

This years AGM dealt with everything from a discussion on Membership Insurance, Communications, Quorum Concerns, to increase participation in the AGM. The AGM drew delegates from as far away as Ottawa, Kingston, Barrie and Corbeill. A closer distance to come for some, was

from Alliston, Leaskdale, London, Maple, Niagara, Thornhill, Toronto, and Woodbridge. Also, the AGM was well attended by Guilds within the area - Guelph, and Nottawasaga.

"It's an exceptional event," said James Callery from 20th B - P Guild, London and Duty Guild Chair, who has been attending the Ontario AGM for years. "This gives Ontario B - P Guild members a chance to have a voice and speak about issues that our important to them."

The AGM involves Ontario Guild members coming together to discuss, vote on and either pass or defeat motions brought to the floor. The motions can deal with individual Guild goals, Ontario Fellowship Guild goals and issues important enough to pass on to the National Fellowship. Members attending did not shy away from tough issues. All present would agree there

was fellowship and fun along with getting the business at hand dealt with. It is important to get together with Guild members, to talk about issues, to share ideas, and to continue a leadership role in the Ontario Fellowship of B -P Guilds.

Our new B - P Guild members, invested at the Ontario Fellowship Annual Meeting, October 13, 2007 were Monique Bourgeois- 69th Niagara; Fiona Empke and Jim Spiers - 84th East Willowdale; Louise de Bourbon - 88th South Lake Simcoe.

The meals were great, thanks to Jim Comeau and Doug Robertson from Grimsby/Beamsville and assisted by Ed Ermel and Ab Kemp from London.

Monique Bourgeois said she was having such a good time, she returned in the morning for Scouts Own. She said, "This is wonderful. I am so happy to be here. I really missed the Scouting Fellowship. It's great to be back!"

Lynda Koudys, Treasurer,  
Ontario Fellowship of B - P Guilds

### HONOURS AND AWARDS

In recent conversations with Scouts Canada the service pin issue has been clarified. B-P Guild members are NOT entitled to Scouts Canada Honours and Awards unless they are Scouts Canada members. The membership can either be a regular Scouts Canada membership or the Special B-P Guild membership.

B-P Guilds can have 4 different membership categories

1. B-P Guild member + regular membership in Scouts Canada (usually a member that is also part of a Group, Area Council, etc )

2. B-P Guild member + Scouts Canada B-P Guild membership ( a member that also belongs to Scouts Canada )

3. B-P Guild member + Former Scouts Canada or Girl Guild membership (a member that is now only a B-P Guild member with no membership in Scouts Canada )

4. B-P Guild member that has never belonged to Scouts Canada or Girl Guilds

**ONLY** those members that fall under #1 or #2 qualify for **ANY** Scouts Canada Honors and Awards.

Our documentation will be corrected accordingly. Your executive is looking into other options for honouring Guild members. Expect more announcements soon



First Row from left to right: James Callery 20th; Jane M Johnston - National President, Ken Hall 7th, Audrey Ridge 7th, Gertie Croft 7th, Velma Hackson 20th, Janet Smith 7th, Dave Ridge 7th, Bridgette Jordan 53rd, Jim Allan 69th, Louise de Bourbon 88th, Ab Kemp 20th.

Second Row left to right: Ed Ermel 20th, Gladys Hall 7th, Fiona Empke 84th, Lynda Koudys 69th, Monique Bourgeois 69th, Geoff Willard 83rd, Mary Willard 83rd, Tim Davidson 7th, Don Judd 7th, Edmonds Ozol 6th, Bob Wright 34th, Brian Stapley 34th, Last Row left to right: Jim Spears 84th, Heather Deforest 53rd, Sherry Goodman 35th, Bill Goodman 35th.

Missing: Robert Heath 6th, and PatDemarsh - Hudson 69th

The 2007 BC B-P Guilds AGM was held Saturday, September 29 to Sunday, September 30, 2007 in Burnaby. A total of 45 registered members were in attendance during the weekend.

There was representation from the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 42<sup>nd</sup>, and 48<sup>th</sup>.

The 38<sup>th</sup> Sur-Del Guild hosted the AGM which started with a social hour for those in attendance. The event was very well catered by a scouting friend and his son who provided excellent nourishment for the weekend. A presentation by the Maple Leaf Singers of New Westminster, a community vocal group of approximately 70 members (30 attended our dinner) entertained us for almost an hour. The

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campfire followed this presentation with good participation for a fun wind-up to the afternoon's activities.

Sunday morning started with a full breakfast followed by Scout's Own conducted by Tom Stewart of the 1<sup>st</sup> B-P Guild.

The AGM commenced and was brought to order by Don Copan, President, Fellowship of BC B-P Guilds.

Elections were held and the following are the new Officers for the Fellowship of BC B-P Guilds for the next two years:

Tom Stewart, President  
Isbel Nebel, Vice-President

Audrey Waddy, Secretary-Treasurer

We broke for lunch and the silent auction finished off the AGM. Although there were only about 44 left in the room by the time the auction commenced, the Fellowship, with the help of our Auctioneer and his sidekick, Rick Wilmot and Jeff Burton, raised more than \$1100 which the 38<sup>th</sup> B-P Guild donated to the "Schools and Scouting Program" in Scouts Canada for those schools/students who are not able to fund themselves to attend this worthwhile cooperative program between local schools and Scouts Canada.



### CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, POLICY & PROCEDURES UPDATE

Final Draft No. 4 of this important B-P Guilds of Canada document was tabled, as planned, at the Triennial Meeting of the Canadian Fellowship of B-P Guilds, held in London, Ontario, August 25, 2007.

Upon detailed examination it was revealed that the document, through an unfortunate technical error, had not been circulated to many of the Western Guilds for their input. This oversight, plus concerns that some of the contents of the Final Draft 4 did not conform to the requirements of the Society Act of British Columbia, persuaded those present not to adopt the document at this time. It had been

planned to forward the Final Draft No. 4 document to the ISGF World Committee meeting to be held in mid-October 2007, in Brussels, and this had to be cancelled.

A new Sub-committee was struck consisting of a member representing the Western Guilds, one representing the Eastern Guilds and the chair would be the Executive Council's Administrative Assistant.

Currently the Chair is receiving further submissions from individuals, Guilds and Executive Committee members from across Canada. For

the ease of use and revision it has been decided to create three separate documents instead of the previous one. There will be the Constitution, the Bylaws, and the Policy and Procedures.

When this collection of data is complete, the three person committee will start work on assembling the Fifth Draft with their sights set on submitting, late in the year 2008, a final draft that once again can be reviewed by all members.

Our new President Jane is committed to producing three practical documents, that will allow the B-P Guilds of Canada to operate in the best way possible well into the future.

## TWINNING

### General information

Twinning is a practical way for members to be involved internationally. The principle of twinning is to establish contact between members of the International Fellowship in different parts of the world,

### Logo

In 1989 a special logo for twinning was designed representing twins of different colours holding hands in friendship with the ISGF badge in the middle. In 2005 a new, more modern and stylized logo was introduced. All the work in relation to twinning is identified by this logo, which may be used in two versions: in colour (red) or in black and white.

### Levels in twinning

•Twinning can be implemented at any one of three different levels:

•person to person - one member of a Guild writes to a Guild member in another country

•Guild to Guild - when all Guild members become involved with a Guild in a different country

•Country-to-country - when the National Committee writes to an existing, new or potential member organization.

### Why twinning

•Years of experience have proven that through twinning, the strength of ISGF has been enhanced in the following ways:

•greater international awareness and understanding helps the cause of world peace

•acceptance of and friendship with people from other nations breaks down barriers and reduces intolerance

•providing a wider view of our Fellowship movement, offering new ideas and generating enthusiasm for ISGF

Through twinning we contribute to the Chief Scout's message: "Look wide and then look wider still". Twinning is an excellent way to develop our Fellowship in new countries. Personal contacts made at ISGF World Conferences and other international events have led to twinning links, which are often of long duration and deep friendship. Twinning opens channels of communication through which Guild members have come to learn and understand about each other's countries, Guild organizations and activities. Twinning is a practical fol-

low-up to the links made by members attending international events. Twinning can be of great benefit through exchange of information and material and can sometimes lead to financial assistance being given. It is hoped that although links are first maintained through correspondence, twin Guilds may sometimes meet on a personal basis or through mutual visits. In the case of Guild-to-Guild twinning, it is advisable to involve a team of several members in writing letters.

Requests for twinning

should be made via your International Secretary.

We have recently received request for Twining from Australia, if your Guild is interested please contact the National International Secretary for more information.

*Ontario General Meeting attendees visit train museum.*



*Doug Stanbrook, Vice-President with Kim Wiebe, Kim Lanyon and Heather Wilson. Of the 30th B-P Guild*



*The 44th B-P Guild marked Scouting's Centennial by planting a tree grown from a seed taken from a chestnut tree in Gilwell Park, London.*



## Canadian Fellowship's Installation of Officers

On August 25, 2007, under the guidance of Master of Ceremonies Ian Taylor, from the 32nd B-P Guild, a colorful and moving occasion took



place in the main hall of the London Scout Headquarters on Windermere Road.

From the entry of the Colour Party, with food for thought

from the special guest speaker, through the excellent dinner, to the traditional Campfire, members from local and far flung Guilds were treated to a memorable day. Welcomed were special guests from Scouts Canada, Anita Parker, London Area Commissioner; Agnes Denham, Tri-Shores Council Commissioner; and Jay Campbell, 1st Centennial Scout Patrol Leader who was our Guest Speaker.

Following a good rendition of our National Anthem, came the very moving World Peace Unites ceremony. As it is important to emphasize that we as Guild members belong to an organization that is international in scope, representatives from several Guilds were invited to come forward and light candles. Linda Bates, World Committee Member, representing World Peace, lit her candle and it became the source for lighting the North, South, East, and West candles. Bill Fettes (7th Guild) served as the North point of the compass; Mark Young (81st Fruitbelt) as the South point; Wayne McMillan (12th Halifax) as the East point; and Doug Stanbrook (40th Tri-City) as the West point. After lighting their candles from the World Peace candle each person laid down a small stone from their part of Canada.

This coming together with the lighting of the symbolic candles unites Guild members from the North, South, East and West and signifies a united Brotherhood and Sisterhood of International Scouting,

In a traditional Installation of Officers Ceremony, Jane Johnston was welcomed as President; Bill Bennett

as Past President; Doug Stanbrook as Vice-President; Mark Young as Treasurer; John Edwards as Registrar; and Wayne McMillan as Secretary. Part of this ceremony asks all present to stand and join in with the repeating of our Scout Promise. Adding much to this familiar ritual, Anita Parker lit each of the Section candles as each promise was spoken.

Coming after this was the appointment of the other members of the Executive Council. Welcomed and thanked sincerely for volunteering their services for the next three years were: Administrative Assistant Bill Fettes (7th Bytown); National Communications Officer Bill Stauttner (71st Huron); Eastern Canada Communications Officer Lynda Koudys (69th Niagara); and in absentia: Comptroller Rick Wilmot (38th



Sur-Del); Webmaster Pat Burton (38th Sur-Del); Mamook Papah Editor Ken White; Western Communications Officer George Gouraud (40th Tri-City); and Archivist Ed Hulme (1st Vancouver). B-P Guild members, Scouters, family and friends, then saw Tri-Shores Council Commissioner Agnes Denham, on behalf of the Chief Scout,

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ent our new President Jane Johnston with the Silver Acorn, Scouting's second highest service award, this is for her especially distinguished service to

Scouting. To the pleasure of many of those looking on, Silver Acorns were also presented by Anita Parker, London Area Commissioner, to two members of the 20th Guild (London) who continue to give active support to local Scouting.

No Guild or Scouting event should ever be without a good meal and here in London it was no exception. All present sat down and were expertly and courteously served an excellent supper by members of the 73rd London Venturer Company and the 68th London Rover Crew

Thankfully, Scouters' wishes were granted and speeches during the meal were kept at a minimum allowing for great fellowship and reminisces to flow on and on to the joy of all those present.

Without a doubt the choice of a traditional Campfire to end a wonderful day was an inspired choice. Held on the grounds of the headquarters in an excellent setting, hosted by the 1st Centennial Scout Troop (who earlier in the day had set up a wonderful display of Scouting memorabilia in the lobby), ably assisted by the

talents of Jay Campbell, their choice of songs, skits, yells and Scouters' Five brought back, to all who sat around the campfire, many warm memories of campfires from days gone by. A very fitting way to end a very enjoyable and important day in the life of the B-P Guilds of Canada.

To the many, many London Scout-

ing and Guild members, who worked tirelessly to ensure that all events were carried out in a proper and befitting manner, they are to be sincerely thanked for their great efforts. It was a day enjoyed by all who attended.

## Reports from the Guilds

Report from the **20th Guild**, London, ON. On May 27, 2007 an inter-faith inter-denominational Area Scouts Own was held at St. John the Evangelist. At 2.00 p.m. all Leaders and youth members assembled on the parking lot of the James A. Harris Funeral Home, Richmond St. at St. James. The parade proceeded to St. John the Evangelist on the corner of St. James and Wellington. All Scouting members who attended this Scouts Own received a special Centennial commemoration crest.

The month of June was busy; on Saturday June 2nd, members of the Guild assisted in the operation of several "craft stations" for the Tri-Shores Area Beaveree / Cuboree.

On the following Tuesday three members of the Guild were presented with "BP Guild Awards": Dave Aitkin, Alice Richings & Hilda Nichols.

In June the Guild and many local Scouters provided an honour guard for Jean Brown a long time (half century 1957 - 2007) scouting member in London Ont who went home on June 9th.

The following week the scouting community (and Guild) re-assembled to provided an honour guard for Peggy McPhail who went home on June 7th.

The Guild activities are both scouting related and social, On Saturday, June 23rd many members and guests attended The Palace Theatre evening production of "Goodbye Piccadilly". Monday July 16th Guild members played 18 holes of mini-put golf. Later in July at an executive meeting the following positions were established: programme co-ordinaters Albert Kemp and Alice Richings; and a telephone committee consisting of Hilda Nichols, Lois Drinkwater, Jean McBride and Donna Wakefield. These guild members will keep the rest of the members informed of upcoming events.

The Centennial of Scouting, August 1st, had many activities at City Hall. Flag Break was at 8:00 a.m. followed by a tree planting.

The following week members traveled to Bryson Scout Centre (30 acre park with limited camping area located along the Thames River) inside the city of London for afternoon fellowship and a picnic.



Later in August the guild attended the installation of fellow member, Jane Johnston, as National President.

In late September members showed cooking skills by bringing in a favourite dish for a lunch meeting and registration. London is very fortunate to have a camp inside the city along the Thames River behind the Regional Scout Centre. Bryson Centre.

The weekend of October 12-14 was very busy as Duty Guild for the Ontario AGM. On Friday evening members travelled across Ontario for the annual event. On Saturday morning those not attending training sessions with National executive, enjoyed a visit to the Halton Railway museum.

The AGM was held in the afternoon with a great dinner and campfire before turning in. On Sunday members gathered for Scouts Own before travelling home.

On November 11th the Guild and 26th London Scout Group gathered at All Saints Church for Remembrance Day service.

In December members will gather at Alice Richings home for pot-luck lunch. In addition each member will bring an unwrapped children's toy. The toys will be donated to the Memorial Boys and Girls Club for local families as part of their Christmas hamper.

So far this has been a very busy year for the **29th Guild**. We are still heavily involved on the local Camp Caillet Committee.

Last year we decided we wanted to do something for the Scouting Centennial and finally decided on an Open House at the Camp in Nanaimo. After

much preparation and support from local groups and the Camp Committee, we held the Open House on June 2/3. We were fortunate that the weather was very good over the previous week and allowed us 3 days for set up. Local Scout groups built 2 bridges and a tower to demonstrate their pioneering skills.

The Guild got the opportunity to display a large amount of Scouting memorabilia that we have collected over the past 20 years. Over the weekend we provided pancake breakfasts and our cooks prepared lunches. For our Opening Ceremony we were fortunate in getting two of the Scouters who were responsible for the original title transfer to the Camp in 1985 and they raised the Centennial Flag.

We saw many Scouters from previous years and some going back as far as the 1940's. Many of these Scouters also donated their original uniforms to the Guild for display. We were able to gather a lot of information about Scouting in Nanaimo and plan to include it in a future publication called "100 Years Of Scouting In Nanaimo". We are currently researching newspaper archives and information stored at the Museum as well as interviewing as many former Scouters as we can find to that end.

We are now relaxing for the summer and getting geared up for another busy Fall.

Phil Brookman

The **35th BP Guild** has had a good response of returning members.

We have been active – participating in Brotherhood 2007 at Morrisburg, Ontario by providing security, help with registration & trading post services.

We were represented at the local Remembrance Day Ceremony in Sydenham, Ont. by Linda Bates & Sharon Veech who laid the wreath for the 35th Guild.

The Museum Committee are actively working on the creation of the Kingston Scout Museum. We have been busy converting the old Scout Shop into our chosen location by sorting items, relocating items & painting & repairing the area. Our plan is to have our Grand Opening on Feb 17th

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This past August at Lumberman's Arch in Lord Stanley's Park here in Vancouver hundreds of Scouts from the Lowermainland, around BC, Canada and the World attended the Sunrise Ceremony to celebrate Scoutings 100 years. The weather was awesome and 4 member of the **40<sup>th</sup> Canadian B-P Guild** (Tri-City), Lynn, Jim Jan and Celinda were in attendance to hear the sound of the Kudu horn being blown three times to mark the opening of the ceremony; just as it happened 100 years ago when Lord Baden Powell led the first camp at Brownea.

to coincide with the start of Scout Guide Week. The Community has been generous in their donations to this worthwhile cause.

We have a Pot Luck Supper & gift exchange planned for Dec 8<sup>th</sup>.

Once again we are providing the KubKars & Pick up Truck kits to the youth in the Loyalist Area for the Rallies routinely held during Scout Guide Week.

We will also provide cake for the celebration of BP's Birthday on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Mall.

We have offered financial support for pool rental time for the Swim to Survive Program which may be called "Kubs Afloat" – a program designed to teach the youth the basics for water survival – aimed at targeting the prevention of accidental drowning.

We continue to support numerous fundraising activities so we can pro-

vide financial support to Scouting.

We extend Best Wishes for a Great Holiday Season and the Best in the New Year.

Submitted by Pat Deyo - member of the 35<sup>th</sup> BP Guild

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42nd B-P Guild
 Zhong Hua - 15th Annual Fellowship and Award Night 2007

The 42nd B-P Guild held the 15th Annual Fellowship and Award Dinner on November 17, 2007 at Gala Seafood Restaurant, Richmond, B.C.

The evening was started with the Scout Silence, "O Canada", and the Welcome by the Guildmaster Donald P. Lee

Four Life members, Christina S.S. Chan, Stanley Leung, Dinah L.M. Yip, and Fred C. Yip. were invested.

Grace was by Emmy Bennett. Dinner was served. During the courses of the dinner, the following programs were presented. The introduction of Guests and roll call.

Vice-president, Canadian Fellowship of B-P Guilds, Doug Stanbrook, Past-president, Canadian B-P Guilds, Bill Bennett, President, BC Fellowship of B-P Guilds, Tom Stewart, Past-president, BC Fellowship of B-P Guilds, Don Copan, Executive Director, Pacific Coast Council, Alamin Pirani, and Pacific Coast Commissioner, John Chow, Deputy Provincial Commissioner, Girl Guides of Canada, Joan Stregger, Canada Ambassador to Hong Kong Scout Association, Linius Fung. Representative Guild members of 1st, 9th, 38th, 40th, 42nd, and 48th,

New Members



B - P Guild members invested at the Ontario Fellowship Annual Meeting, October 13, 2007:

Janet Smith 7th ByTown; Monique Bourgeois 69th Niagara; Fiona Empke 84th East Willowdale; Jim Spiers 84th East Willowdale; Louise de Bourbon South Lake Simcoe; and Bill Goodman 35th -Limestone.

the 8th Girl Guides of Vancouver, Scouts Groups of 15th and 18th Coquitlam, 99th, 116th, 138th, and 188th East Vancouver, 16th Burnaby, 7th, 19th, 32nd Richmond and Sea Dragon Sea Scouts et al.

Honours and Awards: 32nd Richmond Scouts of the Year: Beaver - Marcus Lau, Cub - Alan Lau, Scout - Joyce Mak, Venturer - Eunice Tso, and Scouter - Alex Chan (PC). The 2007 Richard C.C. Tse Scout/Guide Award for Excellence went to - Cindy



Mei, 7th Richmond Scout Group and Outstanding Award - Denys Ng, 116th East Vancouver S.U.C.C.E.S.S.

Long Service Awards*
 5 Years - Lily Kwan and Wayne Lo

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10 Years - Christina SS chan and Frank Law

20 Years - Donald P Lee

25 Years - Anthony Kwok

35 Years - Mario KP Li

50 Years - James TK Lee

55 Years - Jerome YT Yeung MBE

B-P Fellowship of Canada Recognition Awards*

Roberto Chan, - Log/Archives

Jerome YT Yeung MBE - Membership/Development

Scouts Canada Commemorative Centennial Medal (CCM)*

Karson Chan, Dr Hsin Kan chen, Dennis Kwan, Lily Kwan, Anthony Kwok, Frank Law, Raymond Leung, Stanley Leung, Wayne Lo, and Dinah Yip.

* A number of recipients were presented earlier.

There was the cutting of the 15th Anniversary cake by various members of the Guilds, 42nd, BC, and Canadian B-P Guilds

The Deputy Guildmaster Pavic Ng thanked members and friends who generously donated gifts for the raffles. The monies are to be used for Scouting/Guiding activities. It was an enjoyable evening of fellowship, friendship, and fun.

The evening concluded with the singing of "God Save The Queen".

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**44<sup>TH</sup>. BP GUILD**, St.John's - Our 64 Member Guild has enjoyed an excellent year with all PotLuck, Jigg's Dinner and BBQ social events being well attended. Membership numbers have been maintained despite the passing of two Guilders. Guilders with spouses and guests especially enjoyed a Centenary overnight get together at Camp Morristown to view old photos; films and videos and generally to remember, with excellent meals provided.

Guilders have also been active providing support to Scouting in the Province through Appleday Fund raising, Archival Research and maintenance, Jamboree Volunteers as well as BP Week activities.

The highpoint this year was the completion and dedication of the Guild's Centenary Project which saw a Chestnut Tree planted, (grown from seed obtained at Brownsea Island), and engraved granite stone plaque

installed, at Pippy Park, St.John's, adjacent to the Provincial Legislative Building..The dedication ceremony was attended by Newfoundland and Labrador Lieut. Gov., His Honour Edward Roberts, who is a former Scout, as well as 50 Guilders and wives.

The year concluded with the annual General Meeting in October at which 3 new Guilders were installed.  
Ernest Reid, Secretary

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The **57th Canadian B-P Guild** is still with 19 members but we have 2 potentials that have visited with us and are looking interested. We are always on the lookout for new young blood as we are not getting any younger.

This is the year for elections for us and I will let you know the results in my next communication.

What do we do? Anything that is asked of us. Within reason that is. We travel to other areas every year bringing our knowledge of knots, semaphore and compass to local scout groups. We also organize compass game for the Chavalla Area kids. During B.P Week we organize and run the Knot Fun Day and the campfire for the region. We participate in the Canada Day ceremonies where we are privileged to break the flags and lead the crowd in our national anthem. St-Patrick's Parade where Howard sets up a float, Rick Henson Wheel in Motion we do traffic control, McDonalds Fibroses, we man canteen for our local high school, Civitan, Focus groups and art fairs. We help the cubs to cut their Kub Kar. I bring my band saw and we spent the evening with them. On the 29th of Sept. we were asked to be the guest speaker and present our Guild to the Gilwellians at our Gilwell Reunion at Tamaracouat Scout Reserve.

Our Stamp Bank person is still collecting and we will send a package in the new year.

On the social side of things, we have an Annual Dinner (January), Sugaring Off (March), Honours & Awards Banquet (April) and Corn Roast (September) We get together at

least once a month for our choir practice.

We are still helping with "Les Scouts du Canada", an organization under the WOSM umbrella.

Our finances are healthy. We do 3-4 fund raising events each year. We have stopped the Gift Wrapping fund raiser as there are fewer and fewer Scouts Canada leaders to help out.

Michel Lajoie

Guildmaster, 57th B-P Guild

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**66th B-P Guild, Peterborough** (the Lift Lock city)

As most of our 18 members are very active Gilwellians and/or resource Scouters for youth sections, the fall slipped by quickly and busily with no report from us. Since January we have thanked Tim Hatton our former guildmaster and welcomed new guildmaster Ron Ross.

Once again we continue our mission to support our Area youth and leaders. In February we helped at the annual Kub Kar Rally as marshalls, pit crew and scorers. For the Scout and Venturer 18 wheeler competition in March, we assisted with floor duties as well as providing the canteen for the lunch and snacks.

At the Area Honours and Awards dinner in April we were delighted to congratulate Donna Ferguson who received her 40 year pin and certificate, Kathy Ivin who received a parchment to recognize her outstanding service to Scouting in our Area and our Guild treasurer, Fran. Edwards who was shocked to be called to receive the Silver Acorn for especially distinguished service to Scouting. A standing ovation paid tribute to Fran. for all she does.

On the first Saturday in May, we assisted at the Scoutrees planting event with a refreshment booth. Groups ordered hot dogs and drinks. The profits continue to go to the local Scouting Youth Assistance Fund.

On May 18 we were shocked and saddened by the death of Ann Beamish, one of our founding members. Ann was our organizer and director for all the hot dog and drinks sales held to raise money at various events for the Youth Assistance Fund. She was always ready to offer her home for Scouting gatherings,, her

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time and energy to help with Beavers, tally scores at Kub Kar rally, serve food at 18 Wheeler competitions and at Scouttrees. We will always miss her.

In this 100th Anniversary Year of Scouting our Guild and the Gilwell Club prepared a display and an active site for the all sections camp in June. The youth saw what camping used to be like as we went "back to basics". For the first time in our Area, all five sections camped together with programs appropriate for the ages on-going all weekend June 8 to 10. This included our on-the-water program. A birthday party with a huge cake included everyone for the evening meal on the Saturday.

Four of our members were on the OOS team at CJ'07 at Camp Tamarcouta, Quebec.

Our Guild was five years "young" on August 19, 2007 and we expect to continue supporting our youth in Scouting however and wherever we can as we move forward in the 2007-2008 Scouting year.

Lenore Allen

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In March, 2006, **the 67th Guild** had a St. Patrick's Day party. Everyone was to wear green; bring green finger food and 5 pounds of potatoes for the Cambridge Food Bank. The variety of green food was astounding! Irish-origin games were played with Irish muzak in the background and a total of 75 pounds of potatoes went to the Food Bank.

In October 2006, we had a Scavenger Hunt. Members were to bring in memorabilia of Scouting, family, life & culture from times past. We learned that some of our members are dedicated pack rats!! Souvenirs from the 1957 World Jamboree, pictures of great-grandmothers, coins, stamps and books from the 40s and 50s and the stories behind them all made for an interesting evening.

At our Christmas Pot-luck, held just two weeks after we learned about the B-P Flame venture, we did a whip-around to add some money to what was being sent by the Canadian Fellowship. Without much notice and about a dozen people we collected \$68.00.

These stories are told here simply to relate that, while mainly a

social/fellowship group, the 67th Guild also rendered some service.

Ian Dudgeon

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We are a brand new group (**91st B-P Guild** (West-Sub)). We are 5 members strong and still actively working with youth. We formed the Guild so that members who are no longer registering as leaders this year will be able to come to Gilwell. Actually we picked up 2 members who were to register with M. Miles before he passed away this year. Perhaps next year we will be able to send a more detailed report.

We also needed to form the Guild so that our good friend David Coutts can participate in Gilwell. He is after all on the Gilwell committee!

Martha Nickle, Secretary

## Silver Acorn Recognition

B-P Guild members, Scouters, family and friends, happily looked on as the Tri-Shores Council Commissioner Agnes Denham, on behalf of the Chief Scout, presented our new President Jane Johnston with the Silver Acorn, Scouting's second highest service award. This welcomed recognition took place during ceremonies marking the Triennial Meeting of the Canadian Fellowship of B-P Guilds, held in London Ontario on August 25th, 2007.

Everyone present shared in seeing the look of surprise on Jane's face when she finally realized what had just been announced. As with most dedicated Scouters, Jane produced her vast collection of accomplishments without the thought of rewards of any kind. However recognition of this kind from her peers in the Scouting movement and the B-P Guilds of Canada went a long way in giving her a warm feeling of satisfaction.

Jane had just been invested as President of the Canadian Fellowship of B-P Guilds. She commenced her valuable service to the B-P Guilds of Canada here in Ontario, in 2002, when she consented to be the first ever Ontario Communications Officer. In this position she rapidly gained knowledge of the provincial network of B-P Guilds and managed very quickly to unite them through expert use of



the internet and e-mail communications. She rapidly came to the notice of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Fellowship and was asked in 2004 to take on the task of being its Vice President, with the requirement of automatic succeeding to the Presidency at the end of her three year term. As Vice-President she worked hard on the important tasks of growth and retention and was also instrumental in the successful completion of the Memorandum Of Understanding between the B-P Guilds of Canada and Scouts Canada. Of great importance to our Fellowship was her work in acquiring Liability, Indemnity and Directors' & Officers' Insurance for Guild members attending Scouts Canada events.

Bill Fettes



*Dave and Wendy Robak from the 20th B-P Guild London were presented with well deserved Silver Acorn's. Wendy and Dave have dedicated their lives to Scouting for more than 25years WELL DONE!*





WORLD CONFERENCE OF ISGF 21<sup>ST</sup> – 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2008

Dear Guild Friends,

november 30th, 2007

As you have been informed by the World Bureau some far-reaching changes in the organisation and the plans of the Tunisian member organisation have led the World Committee to the decision to shift the place of the forthcoming World Conference to another country. The following voting choose Austria as organizer of the 25<sup>th</sup> World Conference. We thank you for your trust and will do our best to organize this event in a satisfying manner, although the short time at disposal poses some problems.

How do we intend to do it ?

We opted for Vienna as conference place, as it is the most easily reached location in Austria by air, rail or car. In fact we think for y good number of countries the destination Vienna means saving money for travelling.

As for the date, we had to choose a time, when hotels, conference venues and other targets are not so crowded and the weather is fair. In august the European Soccer Championship and the Vienna Festival have ended and this seems to be the best time. So after consultations with the World Committee and the World Bureau we have set the date to be

Thursday 21 st – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> august 2008

We would have preferred to have the weekend at the beginning or end of the conference, but we had to consider the availability of venues.

According to the guidelines for World Conference we will offer accommodation in 3 price categories. As for the final price we will orientate us at the last World Conference, keeping in mind also the inflation of the last 3 years or the proposed costs of Tunesia. This however only for the best price category, whereas the middle class und low class accommodations will be charged less.

We will keep you informed in due time. Detailed programs and registration forms will be sent out end of January after having discussed final details with members of the World Committee and the Secretary General during the European Forum of Guild Scouts and Guides in Großarl. Deadline of registration will be in April and down-payment requested in may latest. We look forward to an interesting event, important for the future of ISGF and meeting many old friends and making new ones. See you in Vienna !

For the organisation committee:

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## 2008 REGISTRATION Due Now!

Registration for 2008 is well under way. Please get your Guild members registered as quickly as possible.

You may access the B-P Guild site [www.canadianbpguilds.org](http://www.canadianbpguilds.org), down load the form(s) need- ed, and forward to:

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Tuesday 4, 2007

Dear friends,

Time flies so fast! We have already reached the end of 2007, the year when we celebrated the Centenary of Scouting.

And I believe that ISGF can be proud of the way it has celebrated this Centenary with its project "The Scout and Guide Spirit Flame".

#### Flame

Some people regret not being able to have had this Flame in their country, we can understand them and accept it; it is their way of saying that this project was a great idea. Some supported it financially.

Others came to take it from where it was, if not too far from their country; Switzerland, Luxemburg and Portugal came to Paris and brought back to their members the Flame lit from the main Flame. Portugal gave its Flame to Spain, from where it was sent it to America. Where is it now? It is in Brazil, I believe.

In France, the Flame happened by chance to cross the path of some Scouts and Guides from Israel and Cub Scouts of The Netherlands; each group was able to bring home the Flame lit from the main Flame. Others had decided to take it to Senegal with the Caravan of Peace.

In the countries crossed by the Flame, there were incredible celebrations and happiness. And so many young people wanted to become Scouts or Guides; We have really fulfilled our Mission.

And the very warm congratulations we have received, recognizes the new visibility of ISGF.

It is up to us to work all together to make ISGF more and more visible and to think what has just happened in Africa.

#### Africa

I came back a few days ago from a four weeks mission, which led me to Ghana, Ivory Coast and Burkina Faso.

The second ISGF Africa Gathering was held in Accra, from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> November. Rigmor Lauridsen and myself were there to represent the World Committee with about 25 representatives from Benin, Ivory Coast, Niger, Togo, Ghana, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. Burkina Faso and Liberia gave their apologies. There were present 5 observers from United Kingdom and Italy. WAGGGS was also represented.

This gathering has laid the basis of a future ISGF Africa Region. Its development is now in the hands of Africans themselves; but of course with the support of the World Committee and of the World Bureau.

In Ivory Coast, I had the opportunity of working with the representatives of the Central branch of 150 members working on concrete projects which will be put on the website as a "Catalogue of Projects".

In Burkina Faso, I discovered 250 members who were very advanced in their proceedings.

I hope that very soon we should be able to welcome two new NSGFs in Africa: Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast. That would bring to 8 the number of countries, who are members of ISGF in this region of the world.

#### World Committee

The World Committee meeting was held in Brussels from Wednesday 24th to Sunday 28th October; we worked about 10 hours a day in a very good atmosphere.

The members of the World Committee are conscious that because of the "Scout and Guide Flame" project some issues have been postponed. They are ready to work at double speed. But was not the game worth the candle ?

#### Concerning the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

We were all present except Marjorie Samudzimu, representative of WAGGGS, who was unavailable at that time.

Mary MacPhail, WAGGGS Chief Executive, came to represent WAGGGS on Friday morning 26<sup>th</sup> October.

Mary told us about herself and gave us some news from WAGGGS.

The two main issues that the World Committee raised her were:

- The representations of ISGF in the WAGGGS regional Conferences (and also those of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, WOSM as Georges el Ghorayeb, their representative was there too) and their relevance. A follow up can be expected from these representations.
- The statement signed in 2001 by the two Presidents of that time is now obsolete. Mario Sica, our specialist on legal questions and Mary MacPhail will work on this statement in order to update it.



*Development of the regions*

The World Committee has decided that we allocate from the capital account 15,000 euros for development projects in the following regions: Western Hemisphere, ASPAC and Africa, and replace the money as it becomes available.

*World Conference*

You have received information regularly and even very recently, on the ISGF World Conference, which was supposed to be in Tunisia.

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October we received a representative from Tunisia and the decision to abandon this country from holding the World Conference, led us to some very long discussions.

You have all been informed, after your votes, that the Conference will now happen at the end of August, in Austria, not very far from Vienna.

I would like to profit of this issue of the "Chairman's Newsletter" to thank all the National Scout and Guide Fellowships which gave their support to the World Committee in this difficult crisis which has just been passed through.

I also would like to thank all the NSGF which proposed, although the task is very difficult, to hold the World Conference in their country.

And at last, I would like to thank Austria, which has been elected, for the determination in the job already started.

*Constitution*

Mario and his team have worked very hard, in order to review the ISGF Constitution; their discussions lasted a whole day; you will be informed of the modifications in time for the next World Conference.

*Fees and Census:* the effectiveness of the new system of fees led us to some long discussions.

Nejib Gharbi is to present an evaluation on the effectiveness of the fee system adopted at Lillehammer by December 15<sup>th</sup> 2007.

Not all NSGF send their census.

The World Bureau will send an invoice with a 10% fee increase to all NSGFs that have not sent their census for the previous year.

*Website*

Our discussions were mainly on our new website and its content.

The web system Joomla has been presented to us by a specialist from Holland; we have decided to use it and our new website will be ready in spring 2008.

Waiting for that date, Ales Cerin has prepared a "blog" which is now on our present website. Just go and have a look it, as have two to three thousands other visitors. <http://isgf.wordpress.com>

You can also send to Ales all the information you may have concerning your country, your NSGF and your activities. He will put them on the "blog". [ales.cerin@skavt.net](mailto:ales.cerin@skavt.net)

*World Gazette Mondiale*

The World Committee has decided to stop production of the WGM and establish a Newsletter within the website by spring 2008. The final WGM will be published by the end of 2007.

I do not know if I will have the opportunity to write to you before the end of December; so please, receive, with my friendship in Scouting and Guiding all my good wishes for joy and prosperity, for 2008.

Martine Levy,  
ISGF World Committee Chairman