

ADMINISTRATION

Gleanings from the 19th Biennial Congress

by the roving Newsman

It seems to be a Biennial fact of our Association that every Congress reveals some unexpected, unusual and pleasant aspect of the host city and the Local Arrangements Committee. The CAO 19th Biennial Congress in Regina, July 2-5, was no exception.



Their exterior calm seems to belie the planning in the minds of the Local Arrangements Committee. When photographed here at the Opening Ceremonies, their most intensive work was just ahead.

Who would have thought that Regina, rising from among the flattest lands in Canada, would have produced a registration figure that exceeded the number of OD's who went to Vancouver in 1983? Believe it or not, Regina's registration is a ringing endorsement of the selection of Canada's smaller cities as



Although this looks like a huge hello from Co-Chairman Dr. Len Koltun, the photo was taken at the end of the Congress and Len is actually measuring the extent of his relief at the program's success.

CAO Congress venues. Scenery is perhaps less spectacular but costs are much lower and, as our Saskatchewan hosts clearly demonstrated, congenial hospitality is certainly no less in generous supply.

This was the third time Saskatchewan has played host to a CAO Congress, a first for Regina. Saskatoon acted as the host city in 1953 and 1969.

The key to the success of the 1985 Congress was clearly the work of the Congress organizing Committees in their organization and publicity for "Prairie Panorama", a fact to which the national staff will readily attest. In the months leading up to Regina, Dr. Len Koltun's regular telephone contact with CAO only confirmed that virtually every contingency had been anticipated and resolved in advance.

The flavour was established right from the Opening Ceremonies on Tuesday evening. Dr. Keith MacDonald from Winnipeg, resplendent in his MacDonald tartan, piped in Regina Mayor Larry Schneider, SOA and CAO Presidents Drs. Claude Hutton and Ralph Rosere respectively and Congress co-Chairpersons Dr. Len Koltun and his wife, Betty Lou, all under the protection of two red-coated women constables from the RCMP. Clan



"Welcome to Regina!" — Betty Lou Koltun at the Opening Ceremonies.

MacDonald's tartan stood up well to the Force's scarlet coats, even if the audience's attention seemed more clearly directed to the latter.

Mayor Schneider, in addressing the gathering, offered delegates the full range of the Queen City's hospitality and unique tourist attractions in his opening words of welcome. Len and Betty Lou Koltun, followed by Presidents Rosere and Hutton, added their greetings (some in both official languages, efforts which were greatly appreciated by those ears attuned to French — hope for the day when our Quebec colleagues attend in proportion to their numbers. A quand une délégation représentative de nos collègues du Québec?) and, with Dr. Rosere's ringing declaration, the 19th Biennial Congress was declared officially open.



"I now declare the 19th Biennial Congress of the Canadian Association of Optometrists officially open." — (then) President Dr. Ralph Rosere under close RCMP protection at the Opening Ceremonies.

At this first reception, delegates and spouses were invited to enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres spread out with consummate taste and beauty on a 10 metre-long table whose centrepiece was a beautiful ice sculpture of a swan about 1m high — truly a work of art which, despite the heat, did not melt away. The sculpture, however, was not the only piece of art in evidence. The hotel chef's culinary



The calm just before the storm at the Opening Ceremonies. As delegates flood in the doors, the hors d'oeuvres table and swan centrepiece spend their last seconds in orderly array.

expertise was a creation in itself in seafood bites, canapes, sandwiches, cheese and an exquisite array of fresh fruit — truly a gourmet's delight.

Bright and early Wednesday morning (and bang on time — a factor which was to be another hall-mark of this Congress), the Program's business got underway with the first of three Education sessions. Dr. Louis Catania managed to personalize an optometric examination for 250 OD's using a technique known as "Grand Rounds". Long-time practitioners and new graduates alike exercised their diagnostic skills on a variety of projected slides, supplemented by Dr. Catania's personal, animated delivery and long experience with the "FLE" (which, it can now be revealed, is Catanianese for "Funny Looking Eye").



Dr. Louis Catania fields a question.

Wednesday's luncheon, presented for both optometrists and spouses, was sponsored by the Government of the Province of Saskatchewan and featured a pre-luncheon address by Mr. Graham Taylor, the Saskatchewan Minister of Health. Mr. Graham's unusual pre-luncheon presentation was necessitated by a particularly demanding schedule which would take him to a hospital opening later that afternoon hundreds of miles outside Regina. Regrettably, he was compelled to take his leave without being able to enjoy the luncheon. During his remarks, he welcomed everyone in the name of Premier Grant Devine and alluded to the good relations he had with members of the profession in Saskatchewan. He specifically mentioned the new provincial statutes which will permit optometrists

in Saskatchewan the use of diagnostic pharmaceutical agents and took advantage of the occasion to announce the appointment of Dr. Jerry Breker, an optometrist, to the Saskatchewan Medical Care Commission, circumstances shared by only one other province in Canada, Quebec, which has an optometrist serving full-time on the Régie de Santé as administrator of optometric affairs. Mr. Taylor concluded his address with an invitation to all visitors to the province really to see Saskatchewan which, he noted, is not only wheatfields but also beautiful valleys like the Qu'Appelle Valley, hills like the Cypress Hills, lakes, woodlands, mountains and scenic rivers like the North and South Saskatchewan.

Gratitude for all the benefits and graces which we receive is one aspect which we should never forget, both as individuals and, collectively, as a profession. The Grace and prayer which preceded the official government luncheon was a beautiful example of just such a reminder. Dr. Fred McWilliams read the grace and then invited all to join in a song, sung to the tune of *Edelweiss*:

Bless our friends; bless our food.
Come, O God and sit with us.
May our words glow with peace.
Bring your love to surround us.
Friendship and peace,
May they bloom and grow,
Bloom and grow forever.
Bless our friends; bless our food;
Bless our mission forever.

(Similarly, at the closing banquet, Dr. Keith MacDonald and his bagpipes intoned Amazing Grace and, within a few moments, the gathering began to hum the tune without actually speaking the words. It was a very inspiring few minutes, a time for inward thought and thanksgiving, and clearly one of the "moments" for which the 19th Biennial Congress will be recalled so fondly.)

Annual and Biennial Business Meetings, traditionally, are primarily to provide the Executive of an Association with the occasion (i) to report on the



Interaction, and CAO (then) President-elect Dr. Bruce Rosner reacts to a comment from the floor. Seated (L) is Dr. David Zalinger of Peat, Marwick and Partners and Gerard Lambert, CAO Executive Director.

activities carried out under its mandate; (ii) to propose a plan of action for the near and distant future and (iii) to provide an opportunity for members to question or approve the actions of their leaders and to offer suggestions for the better administration of the Association.

In all AGM's attended by this writer, a perfect mix of the above objectives has yet to be achieved. Sometimes, we found that reporting was the best feature; on other occasions, discussion (if not acrimonious, at least heated) was the order of the day. On still others, a proposal for an action, such as the original Medicare Bill, held the floor. At this Congress, the quality and depth of the pre-meeting reporting was the meeting's best characteristic. In fact, the meeting itself was too orderly and quiet. Reports had been printed and mailed to every optometrist registered at the Congress. One would have assumed that, as a result, there would be a good deal more questioning from the floor, but such certainly was not the case. This lack of discussion may indicate one of at least two possible scenarios: either that too many members do not read their information reports (with the resulting question as to whether or not circulating the reports is worth the time, effort and expense); or that the reports themselves actually anticipated and provided the answers for every conceivable question which might have been considered before the meeting.

As it turned out, the only item which raised some discussion dealt with the formation of Sections, as covered by By-law 52 which, ultimately, was passed with only a minor amendment to the proposed wording.

Dr. Gerald Easton, President of the American Optometric Association, attended and addressed the General Business Meeting as a special guest of CAO. Speaking on commercialism in Optometry as a priority topic for his mandate as President, he related how, in the US, consumer groups and some federal agencies were endeavouring to eliminate controls in order to enhance competition.

Under New Business, Dr. Arthur Hurst was pleased to inform delegates of his work with juvenile delinquents, work which had recently received funding from government. In company with Dr. June Robertson, the newly-elected President of the Ontario Association of Optometrists, he will visit a detention home project in California where, following optometric care and therapy, only 20% of the residents returned to prison. 80% returned to normal life. Both the Ontario and Federal governments are interested in repeating the project in Canada and Dr. Hurst, it appears, likely will direct it — a crowning achievement for his lifetime of work in helping research and resolve learning and behavioural problems in children.

A special feature of this year's Congress was the offering of simultaneous translation services during all of the lecture sessions and the General Business Meeting. Members of the faculty of the University of Regina's linguistics branch did a remarkably commendable job for a first sortie into the optical world. The technical equipment was supplied by the university, which frequently provides the same service for other civilian, professional and government groups.

This year as well, official student representatives from our Schools in Montreal and Waterloo attended the Congress, partially as guests of CAO. They made their presence known by contributing to the pre-Congress Interaction meeting, the business sessions, lectures and social events. We salute both Lucie Laurin (Ecole d'Optométrie, Université de Montréal) and Kerby Kelly (School of Optometry, University of Waterloo).



Both Canadian Schools of Optometry were represented at Interaction by (L) Kerby Kelly, representing Waterloo and Lucie Laurin, representing Montreal.

On the subject of Interaction, the meeting was held, as per Congress year tradition, prior to the Congress and was devoted to the theme, "Manpower in Optometry". A more complete report will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Nature provided the Congress dates with superb weather: bright, clear skies and a refreshing wind (a really warm wind, to be sure, but without the muggy temperatures so often characteristic of the more humid areas of this country). The dry weather's duration, however, was not to the delight of the province's farmers who truly need the rain and we do not envy the dilemma of the Congress Planning Committees in expressing their weather-related wishes — sun to please the Congress delegates or rain to please the farmers.

Delegates, however, took advantage of the sun for golf or other outings, particularly for the Congress barbecue on Wednesday evening. The city's Exhibition grounds were an ideal spot for an indoor/



Looking right at home in denim and stetsons are (L) Dr. Scott Brisbin, CAO President-elect and President Dr. Bruce Rosner.

outdoor gathering — a cooling breeze, sun and lots of greenery.

The evening's dining started with deepfried cheese "bings" and barbecued spareribs cooked over a four-metre long open brazier on the lawn in front of the bandstand. The band itself fired up with some peppy music and entertainment which gradually attracted a sizeable number of the crowd. There followed some introductions and, finally, the induction of several Association and Congress VIP's* into the Order of the Buffalo Hunters. (A ceremony unique to Regina, induction into this questionable brother/sisterhood involves great personal embarrassment in front of the largest audience that can be assembled. As the crowd yells, "Higher, higher!!", the bandleader, as Master of Ceremonies, slips a garter onto the leg and above the knee of each of the female inductees, as far as



"Swing your partner!" . . . under a setting Prairie sun at Wednesday night's barbecue.

*Outgoing President Dr. Ralph Rosere and his daughter, Roxanne; incoming President Dr. Bruce Rosner and his wife, Susan; Congress special guest Dr. Gerry Easton, President of the American Optometric Association; Congress Co-Chairperson Betty Lou Koltun and CAO Executive Director Gerry Lambert and his wife, Monique.

he dares given the presence and size of appropriate spouses, fathers, etc., while the band's lead singer, a female, then performs the same induction for the males.)

The ceremony completed, delegates retired indoors for a steak dinner (cooked outside and carried indoors on heated platters). In true Western tradition, this proved to be quite a substantial meal, very well-prepared and topped off with sweet pastries and coffee.

After dinner, a band renowned in that part of Canada, the Weekend Whiskey Band, really came into its own with electric guitars and exuberant dance music enough to set the building shaking with the sound of music and stomping feet until 1:00 am.

(The crowd did begin to thin out slightly at this point in the evening. Not all the delegates were up to the music and the dance and whether it was a slip of the tongue or a play on words, one cannot really say, but when the MC asked, jokingly, if the decibels were harmful to the Doctors' eyes, one attendee was heard to comment, "Bad enough that it's hard on the ears, but when it gets hard on the eyes, it's time to leave.") Given the Prairie sunset, some opted to miss the early buses back in favour of walking. Although it was a 15 minute bus ride back to the hotel, this decision would seem to have required quite a constitution until one recalls that a golf game demands a longer walk than the distance from the fairgrounds to the hotel — and are not all optometrists golfers?!

As Day 2 dawned with all the sun, warmth and promise of Day 1, most of the delegates turned up, on time, for a lecture by Dr. Tony Cullen of the Waterloo School of Optometry on a subject whose mere title gave the translators pause: The Environmental Toxicological Aspects of VDT's and Protective Filters. Research on the effects of the VDT is one of Dr. Cullen's specialties and this lecture, as with so many of his presentations, "radiated" his own brand of wit, extensively supported by his strong background in the field.

Thursday afternoon's business meeting was a workshop session devoted to exploring the establishment of individual Sections of CAO for practitioners with areas of special interest within the profession. Several possible Sections were listed, for example, Sports Vision, Children's Vision, Contact Lenses, Voluntary Services and Aviation Vision and each member attended the session of his or her choice.

This lengthy summary of perceptions of events and people during the Congress would be incomplete without the full recognition and heartfelt thanks to all those exhibitors who made the Congress possible by their presence and their financial assistance. We salute them all for their contribu-

tions and to those who, because of the limitations imposed by the facilities, were unable to exhibit this year, we point out that 1987 takes CAO's 20th Biennial Congress to Saint John, New Brunswick, under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Barbara Iftody.



The Congress is only one day old and 1987's Local Arrangements Chairperson Dr. Barbara Iftody already looks as though she's absorbed enough planning information to last the next two years.

The Exhibit Hall itself was the focus of the afternoon and early evening's activities on Thursday. For the first time in Congress history, the Hall was opened throughout the Congress business program on Thursday and Friday. Following the more traditional format of moving the optometrists into the Hall en masse, two functions were scheduled in the Hall — a buffet luncheon and an early evening cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception.

Fully two months before the Congress, the Exhibit Hall was completely sold out and, once again, the distributors "put on the Ritz" in the quality of their displays. In addition, perhaps as at no previous Congress, manufacturer/supplier support was



Sarah Turnbull looks decidedly uncertain about entering "Satellit 558.852.00" in the toddlers' playroom.

extensive for aspects of the Congress other than the purchase of Exhibit space, notably in the prizes for the Biennial Photo Contest and the In-Hall Prize Draws. A full list is included elsewhere in this issue of the CJO and we encourage you to read it. Granted that we are mutually supportive, but the CAO Congress always seems to bring out the best in the ophthalmic industry representatives.

Once again the photo contest was a success and, as noted above, it was the contributions of many of the Exhibitors who really made it worthwhile, with over \$900.00 in cash prizes having been donated before the Congress. The one aspect of the event with which we might take issue, however, is that the photos were not really very clearly in evidence, having being set up in the exhibit hall along one wall which, as it happened, wound up being the distribution point for the cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. In future, we would suggest that the photos be displayed near the reception desk so that everyone could see and admire them until after the final banquet. The winners, as happened this year, should still be announced at the banquet and invited to collect their prizes and retrieve their pictures at that point in the Congress.

Day 3's dawn cracked somewhat more loudly for those who had taken advantage of the myriad of opportunities for a class reunion. Mention has to be made of the efforts of Dr. Fred McWilliams who saw to it that not only were most of the profession's graduating years represented, but also that Saskatchewan hosts were provided for virtually every class that wanted to hold a reunion during the Congress. As a footnote to this event, Dr. Luc Boulay, a Newfoundland practitioner, may find himself wishing he'd attended after all. His particular class members have a tradition of telephoning, collect, from the Congress to whichever of their classmates is farthest away at the time. Dr. Jim Beckner of BC placed the call, which would have detonated Dr. Boulay's phone at 3:30 am in St. John's, and every member of the class in attendance had a word with the absent classmate, all at Dr. Boulay's expense. See you in Saint John, Luc!

In spite of the late night and subsequent loss of sleep for many of the reunion participants, Dr. Indra Mohindra faced a well-filled classroom for Friday's Education session. She spoke on *Visual Functions in Infants and Toddlers*, reflecting many years of experience with pre-schoolers.

The whole of Friday afternoon was given over to free time for delegates and spouses alike. Saskatchewan's sky continued to reflect only the blue end of the spectrum and the thermometer remained locked at 28 degrees C. Most of the attendees took full advantage of the options offered by the Local Arrangements Committee; a few sealed a last transaction in the Exhibit Hall before its closing, while

still others simply vanished to enjoy the unscheduled time with their families. But all had returned by late afternoon as what was to be one of the most memorable conclusions yet to a CAO Congress got underway with another warm and friendly Regina reception.

The social highlight of the Congress, unquestionably, was the closing banquet.

Prior to any of the food's being served, however, (with the exception of yet another spectacular array of hors d'oeuvres and appetizers,) the Local Arrangements Committee opted for a novel procedure — to present all the awards before serving the meal.



A somewhat surprised looking CJO Editor Dr. Maurice Belanger during a close examination of the CAO Gallery of Presidents unveiled at the final banquet.

The Awards portion of the evening was inaugurated by Professor Jacob Sivak, Director of the Waterloo School of Optometry, who announced that the reception had been supported in part by the University of Waterloo and in part by the Canadian Optometric Education Trust Fund, He thanked all those contributors on behalf of the WATfund and stressed that donations from Optometry graduates were, on average, four times that of any other Waterloo alumni group. The COETF, like the University, he pointed out, is manpower conscious and it seemed only proper for both to sponsor the reception. His acknowledgement of this joint support for the event was tempered somewhat by the comments of a voice from the audience, recognized as that of one Dr. Ivan J. McNabb, who reminded those who had enjoyed the reception, "Don't forget whose money it was." Needless to say, the roof came down.

Dr. Scott Brisbin, Chairman of the COETF, speaking briefly on behalf of the Fund, then reported it has reached \$1,000,000.00 in pledges, a third of its long-range objective. Thus ends Phase I of the Campaign, a total in pledges raised exclusively by the membership. Phase II, to begin shortly, is directed to the ophthalmic industry, although Dr. Brisbin reminded all in attendance that fundraising from

among members has not been terminated. In fact, he said, with all the new members who have set up practice since Phase I was inaugurated seven years ago, and with many of the Fund's donors having since completed pledges, a reintensified drive to appeal to CAO members is definitely on the COETF's horizon.

Dr. Brisbin also informed members that the Mert deForest Fund for "the writing of a history of Canadian Optometry" under the COETF donations structure, has reached \$25,000.00 which has been slated for research and the book's initial draft, work presently being undertaken by Professor Ted Fisher.

At this time, Mr. Marcel Brin, Executive Director of les Services Optométriques de l'Association des Optométristes du Québec (SOAOQ), a co-operative purchasing group run by the AOQ, presented the first cheque from industry to Dr. Brisbin, thus officially inaugurating Phase II.

CAO President Dr. Ralph Rosere then introduced to the assembled delegates the full Congress Local Arrangements Committee and, after presenting each with a specially inscribed plaque commemorating the event, led a warm round of applause in acknowledgement of a superbly planned and executed Congress.

It was then the turn of co-Chairpersons Len and Betty Lou to be recognized.

In presenting them with a pair of beautifully carved and polished wooden grasshopper weathervanes, Dr. Rosere acknowledged the multidirectional, pre-Congress "hops" undertaken by both halves of this most energetic couple in planning for, and promoting the 19th Biennial Congress. Both Len and Betty Lou then offered their thanks, on behalf of the Committee, to everyone in attendance for helping to make the event such a success.

SOA President Claude Hutton added his official thanks, on behalf of the optometrists of Saskatchewan, to all the out-of-province delegates and once again took advantage of the occasion to practise his excellent French.

In a unique and long overdue recognition by the Association of contributions made by its most distinguished representatives, President Ralph returned to the podium and unveiled a large photo portrait which includes pictures of all past national Presidents of the Canadian Association of Optometrists, that is, all but three — Herb McClung, Dave Maguire and Emanuel Finkleman*. He then read out the Honour Roll of Presidents who have served CAO since our first pre-Constitution President was elected in 1941.

In Part II of this presentation, Dr. Rosere then presented a plaque to each of the nine past national

Presidents in attendance at the Regina Congress: Drs. Bill Lyle, Emanuel Finkleman, Hugh Mackenzie, Woody Spearman, Ivan McNabb, Garson Lecker, Roy Brown, Jack Huber and Roland des Groseilliers. The plaques were individually dedicated for efforts on behalf of the profession. Those past Presidents not in attendance will each receive a similar plaque either by mail or by personal delivery from a colleague.



A total of nine past national Presidents attended the Congress' final banquet. The previous day, seven were assembled for an informal luncheon hosted by (then) President Dr. Ralph Rosere for a preliminary unveiling of the CAO Gallery of Presidents photo: (L to R) Dr. Ivan McNabb, Dr. Roy Brown, Dr. Bill Lyle, Dr. Rosere, Dr. Woody Spearman, Dr. Garson Lecker, Dr. Jack Huber. Absent from the photo, but present at the banquet were Dr. Emanuel Finkleman, Dr. Hugh Mackenzie and Dr. Roland des Groseilliers.

The list of tributes this night, however, did not end with past national Presidents. Also among those honoured was Ed Higgins, the first full-time Executive Secretary of CAO, who was the person most responsible for CAO's establishment as the representative Association of optometrists from coast to coast in Canada. Ed Higgins is presently ill but is on the mend and those who would like to communicate with him can do so by addressing cards and letters to:

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Dr. Rosere also paid tribute to four past national Councillors of CAO who had served their provincial Associations ably on the national Council — Dr. Robert Bell, of New Brunswick; Dr. Barry Winter, of Ontario; Dr. Paul Lambert of Quebec and Dr. Rix Graham of BC.

Finally, a double award was given to outgoing Councillor and past national President of the Association, Dr. Roland des Groseilliers. It was ten years ago this year that Dr. des Groseilliers first faced a

^{*}Editor's Note: Since the Congress, CAO has acquired two of the missing three pictures in its Photo Gallery of Presidents and now lacks only a photo of Dr. Dave Maguire.

CAO Council meeting. As a young Councillor (but provincially experienced, having come through the Presidency of the Ontario Association of Optometrists), he soon found himself learning quickly from the likes of Drs. Garson Lecker, Roy Brown and Ivan McNabb the intricacies of optometric politics on a national level. That experience carried him through to the Presidency of the Association, ably representing the profession in discussions leading to the passage of the Canada Health Act, acknowledged by Dr. des Groseilliers as probably the most arduous campaign of his years on CAO. Optometric politics will continue to dominate the des Groseilliers' table talk, however, with Dr. Margaret Hansen des Groseilliers picking up the Council reins for the province of Ontario. As Dr. Roland acknowledged, though, "I'm looking forward to being a spouse for a while."



Locked in thoughtful discussion at the final banquet are (L) Dr. Scott Brisbin, CAO President-elect and past President Dr. Ralph Rosere.

In his final remarks as CAO President, Dr. Rosere reviewed four important areas which, he said, dominate the present and future of the profession:

- the Canada Health Act, and the resulting need to get an optometric consultant in the Department of Health and Welfare;
- the national Keyman and political action program;
- Passport signatory recognition for the profession;
- National Defence's continued use of ophthalmic technicians to perform optometric services.

Dr. Rosere's final act was to introduce Dr. Bruce Rosner of Winnipeg, elected earlier that afternoon to succeed him as President of CAO. After officially surrendering the gavel, Dr. Rosere himself was on the receiving end of a short ceremony during which he was thanked and presented with a gift of a beautifully handcrafted decorative ceramic bowl by incoming President Dr. Rosner, a clear challenge to the airlines of Canada to return it safely to Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

The last item on the pre-dinner awards portion of the program was the presentation of the CAO President's Award to Dr. Roy Brown of Virden, Manitoba.

The head table this year was graced as well by the presence of Roy's charming wife, Flora and, in acknowledging the presentation of CAO's highest award, Roy paid loving tribute to her for her years of devotion and support. The award was presented by CAO past President Dr. Roland des Groseilliers who read the following inscription in both English and French: "Presented to Dr. Roy Brown, July 5, 1985. In recognition of his years of leadership and service to the profession of Optometry, we applaud his dedication to the development of Optometry into the primary vision care profession in Canada and we further appreciate his commitment to Optometry and his concern for the individual optometrist."



A handshake ties together years of CAO service as this year's Presidents' Award winner, Dr. Roy Brown (R), accepts congratulations from a past CAO President, Dr. Garson Lecker.

The Congress' closing banquet was framed around a superb six-course meal with a lot of time deliberately provided between courses to permit visiting at other tables and speaking with friends. It seemed to encapsulate the whole flavour of Regina, 1985 and utterly banished any of the stiff formality that can be created when your head table guests are in tuxedos and formal gowns. The wine fanciers were well provided for, with a selection of six different types. Although the dinner itself took well over two hours to serve, no one arose with a feeling of being overstuffed. The emphasis was on ambience and quality, not on quantity. Hats off to those who selected the menu and to the chef and his more than able staff.



When you're running on time, everyone's happy. Checking their watches are (L to R) Betty Lou Koltun, Dr. Len Koltun (Co-Chairpersons), Ottawa OD Dr. Jacques Gaulin and SOA President Dr. Claude Hutton.

Saturday's outbound flights from the Regina airport carried with them most of the CAO Congress delegates and their families. Each will carry his or her special memories of the 19th Biennial Congress and many, we hope, will have already booked August 4-8, 1987, for a reunion in Saint John, New Brunswick at our 20th Biennial gathering.

The "Merry-time Mingle", under Chairperson Dr. Barbara Iftody, will be held at the brand new Market Square Trade and Convention Centre with a new Hilton Hotel at one end and a new Delta Hotel at



Saint John in 1987 will owe a lot to these people — the New Brunswick contingent, seen here enjoying the post barbecue festivities on Wednesday night.

the other. Salt sea air, Fundy's famous tides, Saint John's own two-way waterfall, Loyalist and Acadian tradition alike will be the foundation for 1987. See you there!

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Editor's Note: The report of the business meetings held in conjunction with the Congress (Council, Provincial Presidents, Interaction and General Business Meeting) will be included in the December CJO.



BOOK REVIEW

Atlas of the Peripheral Ocular Fundus, by William L. Jones and Robert W. Reidy. 1985 by Butterworth Publishers, 80 Montvale Avenue, Stoneham, MA 02180, USA. 206 pp, illustrated.

In this detailed book on the peripheral fundus, there are seven beautifully illustrated chapters.

The early chapters deal with the methods of observation, and with the anatomy of the area. The succeeding chapters deal, in turn, with the clinical description, histopathy and significance of the abnormality.

It is an extremely well-illustrated book and has additional references in each chapter if the practitioner wishes to undertake more detailed investigation. I suggest that the book will be an invaluable aid in helping the practitioner to make differential diagnoses on the pathologies of the peripheral fundus.

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