



## *Message from the Chair*

I would like to extend my sincere best wishes to all Sudbury Chapter members and their families for the coming holidays and new year.



I also would like to take this opportunity to thank members of this year's board of directors for their continued hard work and dedication to the Association. It is because of these individuals that Sudbury Chapter can offer professional development seminars, study groups, exam review sessions and so much more, year after year.

As always we need the help of chapter members. If you would like to participate in chapter events or volunteer for a committee, please call me at (705) 566-1709 (H) and find out how you can make a difference in your chapter.

Rachelle Décosse, CGA  
Chair, Sudbury Chapter

## *past-forward.com — Conference 2000*

This year's admission to membership ceremony was held at the Westin Harbour Castle Convention Centre on November 11, 2000. As usual it was the grand finale to CGA Ontario's annual conference. For the second year in a row I was able to attend this exciting event. Last year I attended as a new member. It really brought back memories, watching the newest CGAs walk across the stage to receive the bright red tubes containing their CGA Ontario and CGA Canada certificates. I know for me it was one of the greatest feelings I have experienced (next to my wedding day, of course).

This year was another record year for new members. A total of 862 were admitted into membership; seven were from Sudbury Chapter. I would like to extend special congratulations to Sudbury Chapter's newest certified general accountants:

Josh Autio, CGA, Sudbury  
Elise Barrette, CGA, Sudbury  
Richard Gosselin, CGA, Timmins  
Jodie Koski, CGA, Sudbury

Ruth Seguin, CGA, Timmins  
Lynne St. George, CGA, Sudbury  
Tim Whalen, CGA, Sudbury

The certified general accountant designation is something of which to be very proud, as we all know the hard work that goes into the CGA program of professional studies.

If you become a new member of CGA Ontario during the current year, please plan to attend the 2001 admission to membership ceremony. This is an event you do not want to miss.

Rick Bouffard, CGA  
Newsletter Editor

## *Sudbury Chapter Northern Highlights*

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administrative staff for their  
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of this newsletter.*

## *Northern Summit Report*

This year's professional development conference, Northern Summit, which was held from September 28 - 30, 2000, marked the first joint venture with the Canadian Association of Financial Planners, Northern Ontario Chapter. Fresh ideas were introduced as we were "Facing the Future Together," the theme of the conference.

Over 150 members attended the seminars and social events. This success has already prompted the planning for next year's weekend, scheduled for **September 20, 21 and 22, 2001**. We would like your feedback on seminar topics, social events and any ideas you may have to make the next event just as successful. The committee continues to meet on a regular basis and would welcome new volunteers. We can find projects to accommodate your time commitment allowances. Please contact Rachelle Decosse, CGA, at (705) 566-1709.

## *Wired News*

CGAs and students in the CGA program of professional studies are encouraged to visit CGA Ontario's Web site at <[www.cga-ontario.org](http://www.cga-ontario.org)>. There is a variety of information available, including updates on political action, JobFind, the employment referral service, student forum, exam reprints and many other areas of interest.

While you are there, check out Sudbury Chapter's Web pages at <[www.cga-ontario.org/newfiles/chapters/sudbury/who.htm](http://www.cga-ontario.org/newfiles/chapters/sudbury/who.htm)> for information on upcoming events, to view newsletters or just to drop us a line. All chapters can be accessed though the chapters link (in orange letters) on the main page.

## *Student Night 2000*

Student Night was held on September 20, 2000, at the Trevi Restaurant on Lasalle Blvd. We had the privilege of having guest speaker, **Sheila Shewchuk**, senior program advisor at CGA Ontario, explain the ongoing changes and growth that the Association experienced with the use of today's technology. Sheila also spoke of the experience portfolio assessment system (EPAS) with extensive knowledge of requirements.

The evening concluded with an open session for questions and comments. A buffet of appetizers was available for all to indulge, compliments of Sudbury Chapter. Over 25 CGAs, students and college students attended.

If you missed this year's event, make sure to attend in 2001.

Ginnette Rouleau  
Education/Student Affairs/Student Night

## *Professional Development Seminar*

This year's professional development seminar is scheduled for January 25, 2001, at 7 p.m. Our guest speaker is **Grant Rowson, CGA**, chair of Thunder Bay Chapter. Grant will be discussing business communications, such as:

- technological methods of building a communications network within a business
- how e-mail flows
- workgroups
- network issues
- software; and
- the Internet.

Grant comes highly recommended and you are guaranteed to learn something new, as technology changes on a regular basis. Be sure to watch for a flyer with all the details arriving in the mail soon.

If you have any questions or would like to confirm your attendance, please contact Angela McCandle:

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## *Announcements*

Please welcome **Jodie Koski, CGA**, to Sudbury Chapter's board of directors. Jodie, who also is a new CGA, has enthusiastically agreed to assume the role of newsletter co-editor with current newsletter editor, Rick Bouffard, CGA. Also, a thank you to Rick for accepting the secretary position for the current year.

Regretfully, we must say good-bye to **Doreen Thompson** and **Lisette Fortier**, who during their short terms with us, made a significant contribution as newsletter representative and secretary, respectively. We thank both Doreen and Lisette for their contribution and wish them the best of luck with studies. We will miss you!

## ***Volunteers Needed for Tax Preparation Services***

Volunteers are needed for the seniors' tax preparation services scheduled at Pioneer Manor on Tuesday, March 20, 2001. This is open to all members of Sudbury Chapter. You do not have to be tax experts to volunteer, in fact, most of the returns are very straightforward. So come out and give a couple hours of your time. It's very rewarding knowing you have helped Sudbury's seniors.

To sign up or obtain additional information contact:

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## ***Mandatory Continuing Education***

Just a reminder to all CGAs who completed the program of professional studies in 1999 and 2000: New members must earn continuing education credits upon completion of their first full calendar year after certification. For example, 1999 members, will submit their first annual report for the year 2001 no later than March 31, 2002. The first annual report may include any professional development activities undertaken since their last CGA exam, subject to the category wise maximums, if any.

For additional information, visit the Mandatory Continuing Education section in the secured Members section of CGA Ontario's Web site at [www.cga-ontario.org/newfiles/members/private/events/mandatory.htm](http://www.cga-ontario.org/newfiles/members/private/events/mandatory.htm).

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*Just a Thought...*

“Do or do not. There is no try.”

*Yoda, The Empire Strikes Back*



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