



Message from the Chair

On behalf of Sudbury Chapter's board of directors, I would like to extend sincere wishes to all members and their families for the coming holidays and the new year. I also wish to acknowledge the efforts of the entire board for a job well done.



The current year is in full swing, with several events already behind us. Your Student/Member Night was held on September 15, 1999, which was enjoyed by everyone who attended. The Work & Play Weekend '99, which took place from September 30, 1999, to October 2, 1999, showed you how to live today and plan for tomorrow and was, once again, a great success. The board also travelled to Timmins for its annual meeting on October 29, 1999 and proceeded with an evening of Rock 'n' Glow Bowl.

Sudbury Chapter continues to recruit committee members to help organize and run various events throughout the year. We encourage all members and students to consider involvement at the chapter level. Please come out and support chapter events and/or sit on a committee

Season's greetings and a happy new year to all!

**Rachelle Décosse, CGA
Chair, Sudbury Chapter**

Without Borders – Conference '99

I was very fortunate to attend CGA Ontario's annual conference as both Sudbury Chapter's chair and as a new member. This truly was a memorable event for me. Walking across the stage to receive my CGA Ontario and CGA Canada certificates was one of the greatest feelings I have ever experienced.

Throughout the entire weekend CGA Ontario staff, board of governors, chapter chairs and presidents from other provincial Associations welcomed the new members and shared some of their own experience with us.

This was a record year for new members. A total of 785 were admitted into membership, including 14 from Sudbury. I would like to congratulate Sudbury Chapter's newest members:

Rick Bouffard	Brain Getty
Melanie Burns	Kimberly Keskinen
Monica Caron	Michel Proulx
Rachelle Décosse	Peter Smith
Paul Favero	Michel St. Louis
Joseph Gaboury	Bernadette Thompson
Chantal Gauthier	Catherine Zanette

When new members attend conference, they are treated as honoured guests. CGA Ontario and CGA Canada feel that new members have achieved something worth commemorating in style. As well, the Association recognizes the hard work that is put into the CGA program of professional studies, completing assignments, passing exams (probably even failing a few, too), working, having a family and socializing. The CGA designation is something of which to be very proud. Other CGAs attending this event know the work and dedication it takes to obtain this goal and they offer hearty congratulations.

Every new member in the upcoming year should be very proud. Plan to attend next year's conference—you won't regret it. This is an event you don't want to miss.

**Rachelle Décosse, CGA
Chair, Sudbury Chapter**

Student/Member Night 1999

The annual student/member night was held on September 15, 1999, and as before this event was well attended. Sudbury Chapter members were able to meet other members, form study groups and ask questions about the CGA program of professional studies. Also in attendance were people thinking about enrolling in the CGA program.

It was a great night filled with eating, socializing and prizes. Plan to attend next year's event in September 2000...you won't want to miss it.

A special thanks goes out to Bruce Hutton, CGA, who assisted in answering most of the questions that were asked by those in attendance.

Julie Coffin

Just a Thought...

"To accomplish great things, we must dream as well as act."
Anatole France

Web News

CGAs and students in the program of professional studies are encouraged to visit CGA Ontario's redesigned Web site. A variety of information is available, including updates on political action, JobFind, the employment referral service and many other areas of interest.

While you are there check out Sudbury Chapter's Web pages for information on upcoming events or just to communicate with us. They can be accessed through the homepage, lower left-hand corner (see "Chapters" in orange letters).

Work & Play Weekend '99 – Planning for Tomorrow

Sudbury Chapter's sixth annual Work & Play weekend was held from September 30 to October 2, 1999. The weekend hosted a variety of seminars including:

- Managing Your Client Files – Roy Flax, CA, Bala Boss Software Corporation
- Funny Money – Constable Marc Bohemier and Constable Allin Chabot, RCMP
- Professional Ethics – Richard Duffield, CGA, BMCI Consulting Inc.
- Overview of Workplace Safety and Insurance – Darline Sangiuliano, Office of the Employer Adviser
- Taxes for Accountants – Glen Schmidt, BA, FCGA, GTS Seminars
- Taxes for Business Owners – Marc Dufresne and Peter St. George, Revenue Canada
- Principles and Standards – Glen Schmidt, BA, FCGA, GTS Seminars
- Planning for Tomorrow – John Cameron, LLB, CGA, Strategic Situations Corporation

These seminars were very informative and enjoyable. So much so that we've already had requests for seminar leaders to come back next year.

The plenary dinner was well attended. The night's topic was the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory, which is approximately 6,800 feet underground at the Creighton Mine. Our guest speaker, Dr. Doug Hall, kept us entertained while teaching us what neutrinos are and how they affect us.

The social side of things showed Sudbury that accountants are not what they expect. We enjoyed a show at the IMAX and a wonderful dinner in the Snowflake Room at Science North. Then on Saturday we laughed, ate, danced and listened to Jazz. We had an excellent dinner at Poetz Pantry in downtown Sudbury, where the owners asked if we were always this crazy. Of course, the reply was, "No, we're usually crazier." The owner would love to have us back, so if you missed out this year, plan to attend next year.

This event was put together by the dedicated and hard working Rachelle Décosse, CGA; David Venn, CGA; Pierre Gionet, CGA; Julie Coffin; and Jennifer Stanton Smith, CGA.

Jennifer Stanton Smith, CGA

'Survey says: Bring Glen Back!'



Work & Play Weekend 2000

Sudbury Chapter has begun organizing next year's Work & Play Weekend. We are looking for anyone interested in helping out on the committee or even just that weekend. We also would like to know which seminars you would like to attend. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Rachelle Décosse, CGA, at (705) 566-1709 in the evenings or Jennifer Stanton Smith, CGA, at (705) 356-4085 during the day.

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The tentative date for this weekend conference is September 28 - 30, 2000. We hope to have some exciting seminars and great social events.

The chapter is looking for seminar sponsors. If you have details about sponsoring a seminar, coffee breaks or plenary sessions, or you know of someone who would like to be a sponsor, please call any of the committee members.

If you're hoping for a night at the races, your wish may come true, but we'll keep you posted on the details.

Jennifer Stanton Smith, CGA

Who is a Member?

According to CGA Ontario's *Style Guide*, a member at the chapter level includes both CGAs and students who are registered in the CGA program of professional studies.

On a provincial level only CGAs are considered members. When students reach the finalist level, pass the final exams and fulfil the experience requirements, they become eligible for membership in the Association.

Want to Make Some Noise?

Sudbury Chapter is interested in publicizing your accomplishments. Do you have any interesting news to share? Did you receive a promotion or find a new job?

If you would like your announcements to be published in *Northern Highlights* please contact:

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