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Dear Lucie:

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Hope everything is going well for you and that you are managing all of your commitments. You are carrying a BIG load, as we all are, I suppose. Thanks for your letter of encouragement. We needed to hear from you. Since you are taking it upon yourself to do up the OSSOMM newsletter I wanted you to include the following from Calgary.

"On September 17, 1986 at the OSSOMM General Meeting of the Calgary Chapter, Patricia Cooper, First Vice President of the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women, was made an honorary member of our organization.

Pat is a talented, energetic woman who has come to the forefront to represent the concerns of Canadian women. We appreciate Pat's support of OSSOMM and all of the vital contacts she has provided us with. It is through Pat that OSSOMM became linked with the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund - the organization which is responsible for funding and for providing legal representation for our cause in the courts.

Pat is a former secondary school teacher, radio broadcaster and producer who holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Alberta and a teaching certificate from Lakehead University.

Pat's administrative talents were lent to the Calgary Y.W.C.A. as their past president and as a serving board member till May 1986. She has been an active Board member of the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (L.E.A.F.) and has just recently been appointed as Board member of the United Way of Calgary.

Further to these positions, Pat is on the Executive of the Senate for the University of Calgary and is the past Chairperson of the Calgary Association of Voluntary Agencies. At present, she is involved with the Job Strategy Advisory Council in Calgary and with the Education Committee for the Chamber of Commerce. Pat is a founding member of the Alberta Coalition Against Pornography and she also served on the City of Calgary Task Force on Pornography.

With all of these commitments Pat still finds time for her husband, three children and for the operation of a tree farm south of Calgary.

That Pat would lend her talents and energy to further the aims of OSSOMM is something we are thankful for. She is an invaluable resource person and mentor and we are proud to claim her as a true friend of OSSOMM."

"OSSOMM would like to acknowledge the efforts made by Mr. Craig Reid, Alderman in the City of Calgary, to further our requisition for a dental plan. Mr. Reid has made representation to the Prime Minister of Canada, to the Associate Minister of National Defense and most recently to all the Alberta Members of Parliament in an attempt to obtain dental coverage for spouses and children of serving military members. We thank Mr. Reid for speaking out on behalf of the military community."

"Spouses living in Calgary who wish to take out membership in OSSOMM may contact:

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Information about OSSOMM is available upon request."

Lucie, I am enclosing renewal applications for associate members and suggest that they should be enclosed with the newsletters.

I trust that Leslie is keeping you abreast of our chapter's activities. We are attempting another fund raiser on 13 December so we should make a few dollars. I am also planning to publish a series of articles in our base paper dealing with women's issues. The first topic will be 'wife battering'. If they are published, I will see about having them printed on other bases and stations across Canada.

I want to get this into the mail, hopefully before you complete the newsletter. If not, please put the articles in the next issue.

Wishing you and yours all the best during the festive season and into the New Year.

CHEERS!

As ever,

Marnie

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