

# A note from the Network...

At a recent meeting of the SMLN Board of Directors, it was decided that the Network would once again begin publishing a newsletter.

From 1995 to 1999, the Network published *Netnews* with the help of an editorial committee. Past issues can be viewed on the NALD website.

Under its' new name, *Networking* will be circulated electronically on a quarterly basis to all SMLN members.

Our hope is to keep the newsletter brief, yet still provide a wide variety of information,

articles and information. In most cases, full stories can be accessed via [links](#) to existing websites or by request from the Network office.

A copy of this newsletter will also appear on our website—however, NALD cautions that posting times can take up to two months!

You are encouraged to become a frequent visitor to our SMLN discussion page on AlphaCom. (see pg 2 for details!) This will ensure that you are kept current on all Network informa-

tion, bulletins, updates, and YES, even this newsletter!

In closing, your talents, expertise and opinions are needed in the form of contributions and suggestions for *Networking*. As always, we welcome any feedback you provide. If it is important to you, it is important to *Networking*!



National Volunteer Appreciation Week  
April 21-27, 2002.



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## A Year of Hello's and Goodbye's



There have been many 'comings and goings' in and around the Network office in 2001.

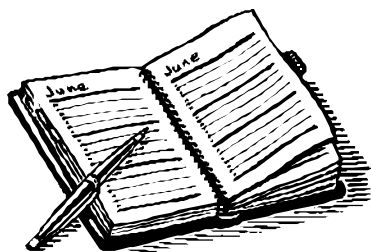
**Judith Fowler**, Coordinator since the Network began (1995) moved from Barrie to Whitby this past October. **Desmond Singh**, our Co-coordinator and resident LSP expert, retired in November. In addition, **Ally**

**Mackay** returned to her substantive position with the Barrie Literacy Council after completing a contract as Director of Social Marketing and Outreach.

**Wanda Minnings** joined the Network in October as Executive Director. In November, **Bonnie Patton** was hired as the Administrative Assistant.

In July; **Sue McDonald** began a 1-year contract as Project Manager for the Workplace Literacy Skills for People with Special Needs project.

Our MTCU rep's were not immune to change. We began the year with **Lisa Ricketts**, welcomed **Tonya Beveridge** in the spring, and were introduced to **Audrey Spence** before the 1st snow fell.



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# Meet our 2001/2002 Board of Directors & Committee Members

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Elections take place at our AGM—June 7, 2002.

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**Marilyn Davies**  
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## On-line Meetings: The BEST way to get & share information.

Taken from: TechCorner, by Maret Kapp, Information Resource Officer, AlphaCom

AlphaCom is the on-line meeting place where you can get information and interact on topics of interest. You can post messages, pictures and files that others can read and reflect on. It is a wonderful opportunity to keep your finger on the

pulse of what is happening in the Network and LBS field.

To get started, go to the AlphaPlus website at <http://alphaplus.ca> and click on AlphaCom on the left menu. Then click on AlphaCom discussion. First time users click on Register, and follow the instruc-

tions. The discussion page for the Simcoe/Muskoka Literacy Network is located under the English Private menu.

For complete instructions, please contact the Network office at [simcoe.muskoka@rogers.com](mailto:simcoe.muskoka@rogers.com)

Remember, this is our own, private meeting place. Attend on-line meetings often—you'll be glad you did! Oh, and you'll need to bring your own coffee!

## Did you know...

☑ Community-based practitioners from the Simcoe & Muskoka region are invited to participate in a focus group with CLO. Time commitment is 1-hour this spring & 1-hour in the fall.

☑ It's time to submit your ideas for the 2003-2004 Field Development Priorities. Watch for further details & submission forms on the SMLN AlphaCom discussion page.

☑ The Network has old computers & assorted parts to give away.

☑ Made possible by a Trillium grant, the Road to Reading Festival will be coming to Barrie this September! Event Coordinator, Michele Newton and Marketing Assistant Charlotte Lavimodiere have both been hired and have offices at the Network.

☑ MTCU has requested a full proposal for our Partnership Outreach Program. Keep your fingers crossed!

☑ Not on our direct email list? Let us know your email address, and we'll be happy to keep you informed!



Two trucks loaded with a thousand copies of Roget's Thesaurus collided as they left a New York publishing house last Thursday, according to the Associated Press. Witnesses were stunned, startled, aghast, taken aback and stupefied.