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President's Message

Welcome back to the Fish room,

I hope everybody had a great summer and got rested up for the upcoming season ahead of us. With all the shows and auctions that are planned, we will all get those much needed additions. It is always nice to see old friends and meet new ones, this is one of the exciting things about our hobby.

I have an inside source that the CAOAC Convention for 2018 is being organized by the CAOAC Executive. Plans are well under way with a full slate of speakers and events. It seems that the plans are in motion for a great weekend, from the speakers to the location. Details will be announced in the near future. Also they will be having draws for convention weekend tickets at as many venues as possible.

The CAOAC Website can only be upgraded if the club info is sent to Ann Stevens or myself to forward to Ann, about the shows or the Auctions, or whatever club event is taking place. I get lots of calls regarding this information and I have to go on some of the clubs websites and it is not even there. At the next CAOAC meeting we can get this done, hopefully sooner,

Also if there are interested people we need some committee people to fill some empty spots. We will be having our 50/50 Draw and the ever popular draw table so we can all either donate or buy some tickets for a chance to win what is on the tables. So come one all.

The shows and auctions are back,

Time to enjoy the fall,

Ron Bishop President CAOAC



Message from the Editor

In case you missed it, **the minutes from the June meeting were in the July newsletter.**

It's a new season, and as always, I'm looking for ideas of what you're like to see here.

Please send me your flyers for upcoming events to be included.

If you have an article you'd like published here, because heither you'd like to share or your club doesn't have a newsletter, please send it to me for inclusion.

Upcoming Events

September		November	
9	Sarnia Aquarium Society Auction	5	Peel Region Aquarium Society Auction & show
9-10	Pet Expo - Mississauga	19	CAOAC General Meeting – 12:00
17	CAOAC General Meeting – 12:00		
24	London Aquaria Society auction		
30	Hamilton & District Aquarium Society - Auction		
October		December	
7-8	Saskatoon Aquarium Society Thanksgiving Show	10	CAOAC General Meeting – Pot Luck – 12:00
14	Durham 50 th Anniversary dinner speaker		
15	CAOAC General Meeting – 12:00		
22	Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society Auction		
22	Calgary Aquarium Society Auction		
29	St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society Auction		

Check the website calendar for links for more details.



Saskatoon Aquarium Society Thanksgiving Show



Saskatoon Aquarium Society
Thanksgiving Show
October 7th & 8th 2017
Save the Date



Featuring Special Guests

Rachel O'Leary

Ted Judy



Do you have exit interviews for your members?

I received a question from Chris Eichrodt from Circle City Aquarium Society in Indianapolis, Indiana. He stated "I've taken it upon myself to reach out to a list of ex-members to see if they are still in the hobby. I'm reaching out to you to see if your club has a procedure to reach out and reconnect with ex-members? If your club does, would you be so kind as to send me a copy of communication?"

If you're not doing this, it might be a good idea. If you do have something, please share it with me and I will forward it on.

What do you want to read?

The intent of this newsletter is to share some of the details of the meeting and upcoming events. From time to time, I try to include recent news. If there is something you would like to see, or if you have an article you would like included, please send it to me, ann.stevens11@gmail.com.

Regular Monthly Meetings

Who can attend? Any member of an Aquarium Club can attend the General Meeting that follows the Executive Meeting. It usually starts around 12:00 noon.

We have raffles, 50/50 draws, and snacks to share.

Why should you attend? To be part of the discussion that takes place between other clubs and items that are raised by the Executive. It's a great way to share ideas and discuss issues you may be having.

Skype Details

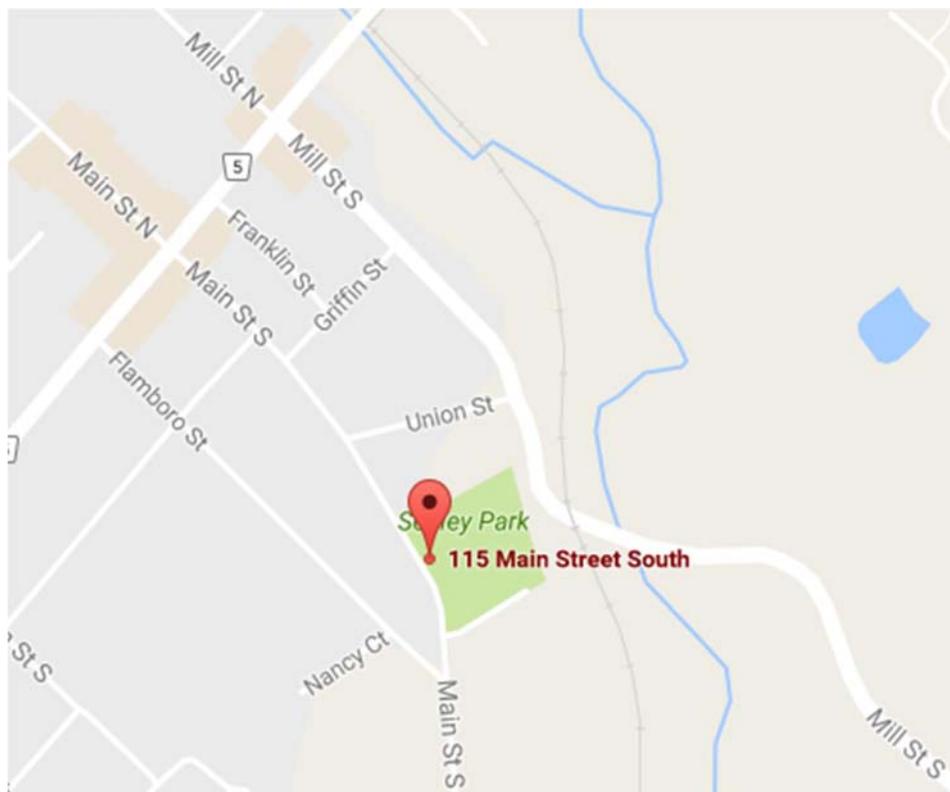
Can't attend the meeting? You can Skype in and participate that way. Here are the details:

Search for either Nov18angel or ann.stevens11@gmail.com

Request to be added to your contacts and I will accept.

Where do we meet?

Optimist Hall, 115 Main Street South Waterdown, Ontario



What is CAOAC?

We are often asked this question. CAOAC stands for The Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs. We are a non-profit corporation and are composed of member aquarium, reptile & amphibian, pond & water garden, and similar clubs or societies from across Canada and the Northeast United States. CAOAC was founded in 1959 (incorporated in 1963) to allow the clubs to work together for their common good and the good of the hobby. Legislative issues, promotion of events, a judging system, national awards, assistance for new clubs, & liability Insurance are just a few of the things on which clubs can work and benefit together. Recently, a Fish Rescue Program has begun. This has been developed with outside partners who also have an interest in our hobby and environmental issues.

What are the benefits of being a member?

- National awards program to honour those in member clubs who have achieved success in breeding, plant propagation, or other endeavours related to the hobby.
- National judging program to train and certify judges as well as set standards that all can use to judge their shows.
- Third-party liability insurance program to protect club members in case of an unfortunate accident at one of their functions.
- National forum to express views and opinions.
- National voice to deal with legislation which may impact negatively on our hobby and to put forward constructive ideas to politicians and bureaucrats.
- A chance to become involved with people who share similar interests with yourselves.
- If you are interested in joining CAOAC as a club or as a private (non-voting) member, please contact our Membership Chair, see under committees for email address.
- In person meetings are held monthly (except July & August) in Waterdown, Ontario (unless otherwise posted) at the Optimist Hall where clubs which are within driving distance send their representative (s) to discuss issues of the day as well as the future.