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National Conference in Ottawa Oct13th & 14th

Interview with program convener, Paulette Bourré.

I met with Paulette over cafe au lait in the Sleepless Goat, Kingston. Paulette is one of the 'Crazy Eights' who moved from Ottawa Newcomers' to the Alumnae this year. If her enthusiasm is any indication, we are in for a great conference.

Tell us why we should not miss this conference?

Paulette: The conference is being held at the Press Club in Ottawa. I don't know if you know anything about the Press Club, but as one of Ottawa's oldest private clubs, it's quite an exclusive club. Until the 70's it was a men's only club. It is the social home of journalists, the location of many historical events and government announcements. We feel very privileged to be able to hold the conference there. The President's meeting will be held in the library.

What types of Newcomers' activities have you planned?

Paulette: We will be addressing executive and general member Newcomers' issues and concerns Saturday morning. I hope delegates will bring ideas from their clubs to share with others.

What are you planning for entertainment?

Paulette: My committee looked into many possibilities with members going to hear several prospective speakers. Three heard Mary Jane Maffini, a local mystery writer and thought she was cute, funny and entertaining. She will offer an interactive presentation on how to solve a mystery. Ottawa, with its many festivals, events and landmarks are featured in her novels. As well the minstrels who entertain on the steam train from Ottawa to Wakefield will play a variety of music from country to classical.

And what do we get to eat?

Paulette: Let's keep that a surprise but suffice it to day it will be a delight.

What have you planned for Friday night?

Paulette: There will be a 'Mix and Mingle' on Friday night. We haven't finalized plans yet. Truro had a kitchen party, Kingston a pot luck supper so we know that we have a

