

Servas Canada

Newsletter 2

From the Editor

Wow! Email is Booming

From about 100 last year, hosts who have email now number about 250. This e-mail newsletter is being sent out to all 250 of you. It is great to be able to reach you more often with important news, but what about the other 375 hosts? We need a "grapevine". If you are willing to phone 10 to 20 local hosts who don't have email and tell them the news you receive via email, please contact me at: canada@servas.org Please put WILLING TO CALL HOSTS in the subject box.

Jo Hauser

Are you an organizer?

Ever get frustrated using an outdated host list? We need a volunteer to update the Mexico list. And the same or another person who would be willing to maintain it. It is currently on a computer file, so you don't have to start from scratch and we can get some help from Mexico also. It could be very rewarding and it is CERTAINLY needed. thank you, Contact: Michael Johnson canada@servas.org

Canada 2000 Host List

The list has just been updated. If you would like a free copy of the whole list posted to you, contact Sylvia Krogh: canada@servas.org

*Note: we cannot email you this file.

If you want just a few nearby hosts, contact Jim Leask: canada@servas.org Please note that host Coordinator Penny Pattison's phone number is incorrect on pages 70 and 85. Please change it to: 250-382-9190.

Note from Joan Irvine

In response to the questionnaire he sent out last year Jo Hauser has received many interesting notes from enthusiastic hosts. As he has the most readily available e-mail address he also gets queries which he passes on to the appropriate member of the executive. The following note from Joan Irvine in Warton, Ontario is worth sharing

with everyone.

Dear Jo,

I am a Servas host in the Wiarton area of Ontario. My daughter Elly who is 18 has just joined Servas as a full member and is travelling with her friend Sonja who has just joined Servas. They are travelling for three months in Europe. Currently, they are island-hopping in Greece.

Even though they are also camping and staying at youth hostels (along with staying with Servas hosts), I feel so good about the fact that they have lists of Servas members. I know that they can contact others and feel at home in a new area.

I have now written references for two young people and I am so glad to see them excited about Servas. We have been hosts for several years now and have enjoyed our visitors. Our last guest was from Germany. He is bicycling around the world and we now receive e-mails from him as he travels. He bicycled across Canada, up to Alaska, down to California and then took a ship to New Zealand.

I love the element of surprise and adventure in being a Servas host. It also makes the world a smaller place.

I do hope that the organization continues to grow and prosper.

*Joan Irvine
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