

# The Handshake

## NATIONAL A.O.T.S. PRESIDENT TO VISIT B.C. IN OCTOBER

Jack Arthur will be visiting B.C. in early October. He will visit clubs in South Burnaby October 6, Langley October 8, and then go to Duncan and Victoria to visit with as many other groups as can be fitted into his schedule.

If you wish to attend the dinners at South Burnaby or Langley contact:

John Carswell 430-4616,  
Bob Harrower (Langley)  
534-6977  
Graeme Kennedy (Langley)  
534-1965

Not all Vancouver Island dates have been confirmed, so for further details contact any of the following:

Ernie Stafford 746-4562  
Roy Jones 384-4640

## AOTS NATIONAL CONVENTION - 1987

The 15th AOTS National Convention will be held at Canadian Bible College, Regina, Sask, July 31 to August 2, 1987. The event will take on a western theme and is expected to attract hundreds of men from across Canada and Bermuda.

The theme speaker will be Dr. Maurice Boyd of Metropolitan United Church, London, Ont.

Ray Silzer, convention chairman, says that REGINA ROUNDUP 87 promises to be the most exciting national convention ever.

"Not only will we have one of the most dynamic and provocative speakers in Canada," he said, "but the program will also include an exceptional array of educational, spiritual and social activities."

The dates coincide with a portion of Regina's Buffalo Days Exhibition and will give guests ample opportunity to enjoy Regina's biggest showcase of

family entertainment and displays.

Registration details and other information will be announced later. For further information contact Ross Evans, registrar, (306) 586-5313 or Moses Kanahi, promotions, (306) 586-4402.



## BANFF MEN'S CONFERENCE OCT. 17-18 & 19, 1986

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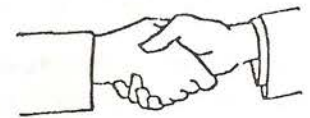
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Your church office will have registration forms or contact Bill Cumming at 433-5106 (Burnaby).



THE HANDSHAKE is issued four times a year. We welcome written contributions and news related to Men's Concerns and Activities in the United Church of Canada and Community.

Deadlines for submissions for next issue: OCTOBER 30, 1986.

Send to THE HANDSHAKE, c/o 4134 Maywood Ave., Apt. 707, Burnaby, B.C., V5H 4C9

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## CENTENNIAL - VICTORIA

Tom Norris states that not much has happened over the summer, but he expects to keep us posted of their activity as the days progress.

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## SOUTH BURNABY

South Burnaby United Church has an active AOTS club with 45 to 50 attending the monthly dinner meetings. This year some of the activities have been a pancake breakfast (at which the Scouts, Cubs and Guides assisted); and a father and son (or daughter) dinner at which we had four Dawson generations in attendance. Our annual auction netted some \$1300.00 to assist the club in its community activities and givings.

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## ESQUIMALT AOTS CLUB

Our upcoming programme is still being formulated. At press time the schedule is:

Sept. Visit to M.V. Anastasis  
Oct. Slides and talk re Vancouver Island by Jack Van Dalen  
Nov. Mr. Lawrence Mood  
Dec. Ladie's Night - Church Hall.

Submitted: Roy K. Jones

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## COLLINGWOOD XMAS LUNCH

Keep the first Saturday in December open for a time of fellowship at Collingwood United Church. For further details, or if you can give a hand in organizing this annual event, please contact Nelson Ball at 731-3606.

## MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Memorial Scholarship Committee of Gordon United Church (Victoria) AOTS Club has selected Karen Stenberg as the 1986 recipient of the Fred Hayhurst Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was founded by the club in memory of the late Fred Hayhurst, a long time and respected member of the Club. The Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 and will be used by Miss Stenberg to continue her studies at the University of Victoria.

Submitted: Howard James

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## CHILLIWACK AOTS

Our club has had a successful year with about 20 men attending our dinner meetings.

We presently have custody of the AOTS "spurs" which we intend to pass to South Burnaby AOTS in the next month or two.

Two of our men attended the Canadian Christian Festival held in Calgary last May and they were greatly inspired by the spirit of Christ among those attending.

The Upper Fraser Valley United Church Men are hosting the 1987 Banff Mens Conference, with the Chilliwack Club being the focal point. We are looking for someone to look after the Workshop Committee and the House and Hospitality Committee. If you can assist us, please contact Lloyd Russell, PO Box 216, Chilliwack, B.C., V2P 6J1 Phone: 795-7773.

Submitted: Lloyd Russell

## CANADIAN MEMORIAL VANCOUVER

Our group is small enthusiasm is growing.

Our men have had 3 Saturday breakfasts over the past year as well as our evening meetings.

We also put on a breakfast on the Saturday before Mother's Day. This was the first one we had put on since 1981 and the response from the congregation was enthusiastic.

We also put on a luncheon at Brock House to celebrate the birthdays of elderly members of the congregation.

Submitted: Lorne Whitmore

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## CRESCENT MEN'S CLUB WHITE ROCK

Our men's club continued to be quite active throughout the year. We have a membership of about 65 with an average attendance of 30 - 35. Our regular monthly meeting usually take the form of a dinner followed by a business session.

Last May 3 our club served brunch in the church basement. We were pleased to welcome representatives from South Burnaby AOTS club.

Our meeting on May 10, at which we had a slide programme put on by Claude Yates, also had three members from South Burnaby AOTS, and B.C. AOTS President Bill Cumming.

Our executive is:  
Gregory Darychuch  
President  
Don Welch - Vice President  
Hugh Clark - Secretary  
Fred Forest - Treasurer  
Submitted: Elliott Gould

## NEWS FROM EAST OF THE ROCKIES ST. JAMES UNITED EDMONTON

The AOTS has some 30 members in the club. This is the only AOTS club in Edmonton.

They have a weekly workshop time when they repair all sorts of furniture and appliances. When the repairs are complete the club sells the item or forwards it on to the Bissell Centre, which is a depot that all the local churches draw from when fire or other disasters strike the local community. The club pays for the materials used in repairs and gets their investment back from the sales they make.

Last May 3 they had a huge giant garage sale, selling all types of donated material. They obtained some 700, which was given to the Stewards of the congregation to assist with budget deficit elimination. The advertising for this event consisted on weekly inserts in the congregation bulletin for five weeks and 1000 flyers distributed in the local area by members of the club.

Submitted: Cormie Robbins

## HELP US TO HELP YOU

THE HANDSHAKE is meant to be recycled. Once you have read it, pass it on to a friend for his information.

If your group wants to receive a mailing of THE HANDSHAKE have your contact person write THE HANDSHAKE at the address given, giving us the number you require. We will be pleased to send you copies.

## BURRITT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

The Chas. C. Burritt Memorial Scholarship Society has announced the 1986 winners of a \$300.00 scholarship.

The winners are Mr. David J.C. Chaing and Miss Patricia Leanne Loy, both of Burnaby.

The cheques will be awarded upon the winners' acceptance by an institute of higher learning.

The awards are higher than last year as the endowment fund, created to honour the first national president of AOTS, continues to grow.

Donations (which are tax deductible) may be sent to the Society, c/o 7591 Gray Ave., Burnaby, B.C. V5J 3Z4.

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Is it true that Bill Taylor of Sask. Conf. AOTS said that if Saskatchewan did not exist, B.C. would fall off the edge of North America?

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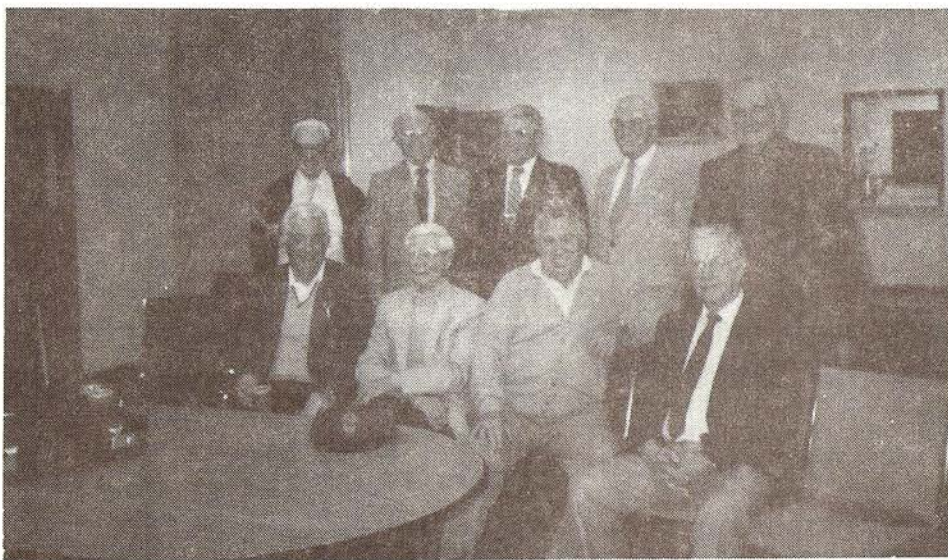
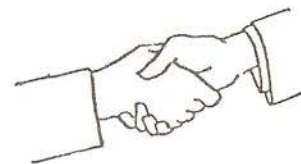
## GOLDSRING AOTS MILK RIVER - ALBERTA

Thank you for sending us copies of THE HANDSHAKE. It is a pleasure to know what is taking place in your area.

The Goldspring AOTS has enjoyed over 20 years of fellowship and has taken part in several local endeavours. As Secretary Treasurer I am able to see the need and opportunity for men to gather for enrichment in their own lives and to share a fellowship as only can be, through God's love.

Our membership is less than a dozen and by age and moves, could be fewer still, when we resume the once a month dinner meetings in October.

I will do my best to have the men of our club to see the need to have news and know about events and workshops that could enrich their learning and faith.  
Submitted: Jack Shaw



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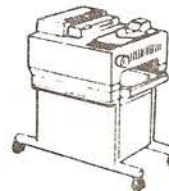
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ABBOTSFORD MEN'S GROUP  
BREAKFAST

We have not missed a meeting date in over a year and a half, meeting even on Good Friday. A program is sometimes put on, but the main theme is fellowship between the men of the two local United Church congregations. Attendance has reached a high of 20. The present meeting location is the Park Hotel, Abbotsford, at 8:00 am every second Friday.

Some of our members faithfully attend the AOTS Roundup and the Celebration of Faith.

All visitors are cordially welcomed and we look forward to seeing you.  
Submitted: Tom Murray

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Tom has spent a lot of time in mens' work in B.C. and we are appreciative of his continuing participation. We understand that Tom has been recovering from another small stroke and we know that your prayers for his speedy recovery would be welcomed.

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HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS

We read in the last issue of THE HANDSHAKE where Duncan AOTS club gave an honorary membership to Elsie Carter.

Not to be outdone, South Burnaby AOTS reports that AOTS member Mark Darnbrough was given an honorary membership in the South Burnaby UCW for all his care and attention to detail while he was caretaker for the congregation.

CLUB MEETINGS & TIMES

If we have overlooked your group, our apologies. Please let us know when you meet, the contact person and telephone number.

You need not be a formally organized club, if you are a group of men meeting for fellowship we want to know and spread the word.

Ever been a commercial traveller trying to maintain your faith while staying in a different motel room every night? It is our intention of giving listings to all men so that they can maintain fellowship with men as they travel through out the province on business or holidays.

irregular Sun 8:00 AM  
Gilmore Park (Richmond)  
Glen Forrester 271-2530

2nd Mon 6:30 PM  
Campbell River AOTS  
Harry Vogel 287-8058

3rd Mon 6:15 PM  
South Burnaby AOTS  
Jack Blain 433-0072

3rd Mon 6:30 PM  
Oak Bay AOTS  
Dick Gale 384-1654

1st Tue 6:30 PM  
Fairfield AOTS (Victoria)  
Bob Fraser  
2nd Tue 6:30 PM  
Esquimalt AOTS  
Roy Jones 384-4640

2nd Tues 6:30 PM  
Breachin (Nanaimo) AOTS  
Reg Attwell 758-0978

3rd Tue 6:00 PM  
Gordon United AOTS  
(Victoria)  
John Dexter 478-7719

3rd Tue 7:30 PM  
Canadian Memorial  
(Vancouver)  
Lorne Whitmore

3rd Wed 6:00 PM  
Chilliwack AOTS  
Lloyd Russell 795-7773

4th Wed 6:30 PM  
Centennial AOTS (Victoria)  
Dave Farnden 385-7269

4th Thu 6:15 PM  
Duncan AOTS  
Bill Powell 746-7420

Every 2nd Fri 8:00 AM  
Gladwyn-Trinity (Abbotsford)  
Tom Murray 853-7881

2nd Sat 5:00 PM  
Cowichan Lake AOTS  
Ernie Stafford 746-4562

3rd Sat 6:30 PM  
Chemainus Ladysmith AOTS  
Ernie Jackson 346-3998

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We reserve the right to refuse advertising if of objectionable nature.

We would hope that the readers will patronize the advertisers, but we do not take responsibility for the accuracy or reliability of the services or products offered.

## WESTERN VICE-PRESIDENT REPORTS

### "A Tribute and a Challenge"

My congratulations to the editor and staff of the new HANDSHAKE, the first issue was well designed and a tribute to the originator Dr. Bill Hastings who published for many years.

The impact through the wide distribution can only enhance AOTS and improve membership. AOTS needs development in the western provinces, our numbers are not dwindling but could increase through new clubs being formed at churches through new clubs being formed where mens clubs exist but do not participate in our great AOTS movement.

I am informed by our National AOTS secretary that of the latest 7 clubs to be granted charters of membership, 6 are in Newfoundland, and the 7th is also in the Maritimes. What a challenge to we men in the Western Provinces and especially B.C. where AOTS was founded over 60 years ago. Surely this is a great heritage and duty to live up to?

Let us pledge before our fellow members and our God that we will set an example that will interest others in becoming active and help us to achieve the AOTS purpose.

Our provincial president, Bill Cumming (Burnaby); national archivist, Dr. Bill Hastings (West Vancouver); national spiritual life committee chairman, Keith MacDonald (Duncan); and my self will attending the National

Council Meetings in Winnipeg Nov. 7, 8, & 9. Before then we would appreciate your comments and views of any AOTS matters that should be addressed at the National Level. Contact us by phone, letter or personally.

We are your voice, let us be heard from the west in growth, spiritually and numerically in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

As One that Serves  
Ernie Stafford  
Western Vice President AOTS

### B.C. AOTS VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have attended the following functions.

May 6th. Fairfield (Victoria) AOTS. I was pleased to give the devotional.

May 9th. My wife and I attended Ladies Appreciation Night at Gordon (Victoria) AOTS. It was also the club's 25th anniversary. Both Jan and I gave the devotional.

May 13th. Esquimalt AOTS  
May 23, 24, 25 Celebration of Faith - Langley  
June 1 - Vancouver Island AOTS rally at George Pringle Camp. I spoke briefly on AOTS business and awarded prizes for events.

June 6 - Jan and I gave devotional at Oak Bay AOTS Ladies Night.

June 10 - Esquimalt Ladies Night.

July 8 - Jan and I were invited aboard the M.V. Anastasis for dinner and enjoyed the ship's weekly evening of prayer, praise sharing and song. A most enjoyable and rewarding evening.

Yours in service  
Roy K. Jones

### B.C. PROVINCIAL AOTS REPORT

An indispensable part of our program and growth is to keep the lines of communication open. Let us know what is going on in mens work in the province. It will help us to help you in so many ways in our efforts to hear and reach you.

The United Church needs men and the men need the church. Whether a club or a single member, let us know you are working in this goal.

We would like to have the opportunity of visiting with your club. Please let us know if this would be possible.

The Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley District Council has a meeting every third Tuesday (except July and August) at 6.00 pm at Collingwood United in Vancouver. If you can join us, call me at 433-5106.

Ernie Stafford, our Western Vice President, is often on the move around the province. If you want him to visit, please call him to make arrangements.

Ernie Stafford, Jack Arthur (our National President) and I will be at the Banff Mens Conference. Please make yourselves known to us if you are attending.

We are looking forward to another great year for 1986 and 1987. Let's put it all together and make another great landmark in His Service

As One That Serves

Bill Cumming  
B.C. Provincial President