

Oral Report to OPC Convention

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Fortunately, Covid-19 has not really impacted the work of the Administrative Assistant in a negative way. The majority of communication has always taken place via telephone and/or email, with Royal Mail still an option as needed. If truth be told, the work load has decreased as the many items required to set up for meetings did not have to be packed, transported and set up in the meeting rooms. These items would normally include the two correspondence binders, metal place signs, file folders, laptop, portable printer, etc. for every meeting. These, and many more items, would be required to bring for a convention.

One of my more fun duties is to purchase and provide snacks and refreshments for our social evening, and, alas, although I did not have to purchase and carry these to a meeting, I must confess I probably ate the equivalent of those snacks throughout these past months.

One project initiated as a result of the pandemic was sending out "Thinking of You" cards. Each person on Team OPC was invited to send me the names of people they felt needed and would appreciate a card, and many cards were sent out. By sending a card, not an e-card, the recipient had a physical reminder that her sisters in the League on the provincial council were thinking of her. This simple act made me more aware of people who were living alone and the many challenges they had to face without someone to support them. This, in turn, made me very grateful for the fact that I did not live alone and have great support around me.

While *Zoom* and *GoToMeeting* have allowed virtual meetings, webinars, and many opportunities to join with members across the country for prayer and reflection, they can never replace the warm camaraderie and welcoming hugs one receives when attending meetings and conventions in person.

Like many others, people, not possessions, became the priority for me and this is a blessing and awareness that I pray will continue when this pandemic is over.

Respectfully submitted,

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