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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to Mairlyn Smith and OHEA on the 2013 Taste Canada Award presented November 4th, in recognition of *The Vegetarian's Complete Quinoa Cookbook*.

On November 9th, Maria Benvenuto, THEA Ryerson student liaison, Nikki Osborne, board member, and I promoted THEA at the OFSHEEA conference. **OHEIB, OHEA and THEA will jointly host a Meet and Greet for students at Ryerson. It will take place in late January .**

Our November 13th meeting at the Textile Museum was cancelled due to insufficient registration to warrant a guided tour. Thank you to Kathleen Mackay for organizing this event.

In the coming weeks, you should be receiving a THEA only or a joint THEA/OHEA membership renewal package. My hope is that you will review this information and make a commitment to maintain membership in your professional organizations, and also encourage your colleagues and friends to join or rejoin THEA. You could also enclose an additional \$25.00 with your membership fee, to sponsor a student member. Our future lies with our students and new graduates. With increasing postal rates perhaps you might consider receiving THEA information by email rather than Canada Post.

An individual standing alone is small and less powerful; however, a large organization can be seen by everyone, and hence influential. Members gain influence with others through their association with THEA and in time, the potential to impact on the public image of the Home Economics profession. An organization has the power to support and provide resources, new ideas and, mentors for support and interest renewal. This year, THEA was invited to attend the 90th anniversary of the Provincial Council of Women. The Toronto Council of Women requested a THEA member speak at a meeting to outline the current status of Family Studies in the elementary and secondary schools. We were asked to provide input to the Toronto Council of Women's resolution to the Ontario Council of Women re: Family Studies in the schools.

At this time, I also encourage you to consider accepting a position on the THEA board of directors or to consider joining a committee – newsletter, program, membership. I am currently making a call for Board nominations for 2014-2015.

In this newsletter, the Association is calling for nominations for the Marjorie Thompson Flint Award. The Award is presented to a member who has made a distinct and sustained contribution to the Association and has shown achievement in the profession of Home Economics. Please take some time and consider whom you might nominate for this award.

Wishing you a prosperous and meaningful 2014,

Regards, Ruth MacDonald P.H.Ec.