PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Larry Bowen

As my term of president begins, I must first reflect on the past year. It was a very exciting year with the first certification exam held in Detroit. Congratulations to all those who passed and now use the CDRS credentials thanks to the effort of Carmello Strano and her committee, who worked many hours to develop the exam. As a board we had to financially tighten our belts to ensure that the Association continues to be viable. We had another successful conference in Detroit thanks to the efforts of many, especially Kathie Regan and Mike Shipp. It was a privilege to participate on the 1995 board and on behalf of the board, I would like to congratulate Susan Pierce for a job well done.

1996 promises to be a challenging year. We have a new, enthusiastic board ready to take on these challenges. The voyage has begun. Constitutional changes have reduced the number of board members from 16 down to 12 in an effort to become leaner and meaner. Corporate, History, Membership, and Certification Committee have been removed from the board. The Corporate and board will come from the exam fees. As president, I will work with the executive board to monitor the business and finances of the association to ensure we carry out our duties in a responsible way to our membership. This past year conference calls were used to keep the executive board up to date with the running of the Association. I will continue to use this valuable, cost-effective communication tool to monitor the association business. One of my main priorities will be to develop the educational structure to prepare our members for certification. I will be looking for committed members to participate on this important project.

Gayle Agar is the nominations chairperson for this year and has the enormous task of finding members to run for the office of

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President's Message, continued
President-Elect and Secretary. I would like to extend a personal invitation to you as a member of our association to come forward and be counted, support your association, run for a position. In order for our association to grow we need input from it's members, so if you'd like to contribute in any way, please contact any of the Board members.

It is an honour and a privilege that you have entrusted me to be your spokesperson. As the first international president of ADED, I am committed to represent you with the best of my abilities. I attended and manned our exhibit booth at the NMEDA conference in San Antonio Texas at the end of January. FLASH Weather report - freezing rain- freeways into and out of San Antonio closed. It certainly was not your typical bathing suit weather during the conference. We were well represented at the conference. Mike Shipp, Anne Hegberg, and Sally Sullivan gave a talk on the role of the Driver Rehabilitation Specialist. Susan Lillie was on the program committee for the conference. We will continue to pursue a good working relationship with this group as well with others in our field.

Your board is committed to good fiscal management, expanding educational opportunities, networking, and above all is responsible to you, the members, to ensure that your Association has a sound basis to continue on it's course.

L.A. Bowen
ADED President

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many accomplishments of the Certification Test Development Committee. They are also CDRS.
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The year has begun and it is a busy time for the Board. The Spring Board meeting in held in Louisville, Kentucky, preparation is well underway for the ADED conference in Dallas, Mid West held a successful in Milwaukee April 26 & 27, AOTA conference held in April in Chicago, and the new Certification Board held it's first meetings.

The Board meeting in Louisville was very axillerating. The cost of the meeting was reduced as the location was centralized for most board members allowing them to drive or take short commuter flights to the meeting. Many topics were discussed with good input from the new members. To summarize: New Chapter guidelines were developed and will be distributed to the chapters, guidelines for use of the ADED logo were developed to ensure the Logo is not used to imply endorsement for products, show stopper insurance is being investigated to not only cover the main ADED conference but to extend coverage to Chapter conferences, the need to expand to larger facilities for the main ADED conference has the conference planner checking into convention centre facilities in the next number of years, Certification was a topic of conversation and what relationship this board would have with the new board ( monies has been put aside to support the certification board and the certification process as the new Board will require funds each year until such point the it is self supporting), a new Commercial award was developed to recognize contributions made by manufacturers and vendors to the disabled population and ADED, a liaison person Sally Sullivan will work on promoting improved working relationships with other related organizations ie. NMEDA, AKTA, etc. and last but not least a new budget was passed in which we find ourselves in a somewhat better situation then we were in last year but we will have to continue to monitor finances.

I have to commend the Board members especially the new members who pitched in and spent long gruelling hours working on committee activities into the evening preparing for the next days meetings, I would like to thank Kathie Regan for her organizational skills in setting up the hotel and the day trip to visit Churchill Downs where the Kentucky Derby is held. Even thought the meetings were long and sometime tedious we accomplished allot and I was pleasantly surprised at the contribution made by the new members.

AOTA conference was held in Chicago and Anne Hegberg President elect represented ADED at the conference. It was well attended. Allot of interest was shown in our association and how to get involved. The Mid West conference was held in Milwaukee in April congratulations Mr. Scott Amour and his committee for another successful event. Monies made from the chapter conferences above expenses are returned to ADED.

The Certification Board met in late March. They have looked at recertification and rather than having to be reexamined they have
decided that it would be more appropriate to have candidates work on collecting and documenting continuing education credits toward recertification. This will be starting this year so plan on attending the conference in Dallas and start collecting those credits. This also means that the Board will be developing new long term strategies to develop workshops that are timely and appropriate for recertification. A committee is being formed to work on this process.

As you can see the board and many other areas of ADED have been very active. I would like to see more of you involved in your association so run for a position or get your nomination forms in for President, Secretary and for special awards to be presented at the conference in Dallas. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the conference in Dallas in August.

L.A. Bowen B.Sc., C.D.R.S.
ADED President
Congratulations to the 80 ADED members who passed the first Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist examination.

Agar, Gayle B.
Alexander, Dyan K.
Allen, Denise D.
Anderson, Kelly C.
Armour, Scott
Babirad, Juergen
Beacher, Sheila J.
Bennecke, Robert F.
Blanc, Carol A.
Bowen, Larry A.
Bradburn, William G.
Brunette, Gregory L.
Bryant, Jeanine A.
Campbell, Amy P.
Cohour, James B.
Crumpton II, Thomas W.
Cyre, Jan R.
Danielson, Cyndee
Degroot-Toth, Debra
DeMaria, Charlene K.
Delaney, Dee A.
Derstein, Mary G.
Digman, Glenn H.
Doll, Frederick M.
Elliott, Tonya T.
Emery, Cecilia D.
Flis, Michael J.
Foster, Graham

Gabryel, Pamela
Gauder, Eileen M.
Gianutsos, Rosamond
Gray, Deborah D.
Gross, Maryfrances
Hamelburg, Judi
Harwood, Kimberly J.
Havard, Ann B.
Hebert, Andrea L.
Hegberg, Ann P.
Henderson, Susan M.
Hershberger, Lola M.
Hoerauf, Deborah
Jones, Deena G.
Kelsch, Roger A.
Klug, Larry W.
Krieger, Charles D.
Lake, Patricia T.
Larson, Kimberly A.
Lattimore, Ann M.
Lavoot, Penni J.
Lee, Michael S.
Lillie, Susan M.
Lughermo, Tanya
Matney, Clinton S.
Matthews, William E.
McCague, Ileana S.
McGinn, Michael R.
Miller, Laura V.
Miller, Matthew G.
Mills Jr., Donald L.
Mitchell, Steven J.
Monaco, Karen G.
Moore, Debra S.

Morrison, Carol
Nichols, Jimmy L.
O'Malley, Peter W.
Powers, Betsy
Reed, Peggy L.
Richardson, Karen J.
Rorke, Tania
Saint Pierre, Paul J.
Schofield, Deborah
Scott, Stan
Seefried, Mariae
Shipp, Michael K.
Stressel, Donna
Sullivan, Sally J.
Twelves, Linda T.
Vaughter, John H.
Vorhies, Daniel G.
Weed, Warren E.
Williams, Sheldon W.
in some cases, even a different language, it was decided they would be best served by a more locally situated office. Special awards were presented at the conference, including the President's Award to Joanne Young of Tampa for her many hours of effort setting up the conference, and the Executive Director's Award to Eric Pearson of Crow River for his work with NMEDA's service schools program.

The San Antonio gathering will also be remembered as the last non-permanent site for a NMEDA conference - at least for awhile. Beginning in 1997, the conferences will be held at Orlando, Florida, and Las Vegas, Nevada, in alternate years.

This will guarantee ample space every year for exhibits and vehicle displays, as well as helping the association obtain the best possible rates and highest possible discounts.

Immediately after the conclusion of the conference, work began on organizing committees for the new year, with most expected to be appointed by early March. The next major gathering of members will be limited to the new board of directors, which will convene for an orientation session in Tampa in April.

1996 NMEDA Board of Directors

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NMEDA CONFERENCE INFORMATION HIGHLIGHTS

• GM introduced their full-frame, ladder construction Chevy full size van (with separate body and chassis) featuring heated outside rear view mirror option, 165° swing out rear doors, 5 engine sizes, and 135" and 155" wheelbases. One identified modification issue is the driver air bag sensor, which lies under the driver seat. Currently this means the air bag would need to be disconnected for use of a power base seat or floor drop.

• Ford Motor Co. announced changes in the 1997 E150 van, including all new engines, wider engine cover (to accommodate their largest size engine) which may impact wheelchair driver position, and changes to the design of dashboard. Seat belts will be computer serialized as well. Be prepared for significant body style changes in the 1998 Ford E150.

• Transfer Flow successfully crash tested their 26 gallon after market fuel tank, designed for Ford Econoline vans with dropped floors, passing FVMSS 301 requirements.

• Gayle Dalrymple, Office of Crash Avoidance Standards, NHTSA, now has funding to conduct full investigations on 15 crashes involving disabled drivers and adaptive driving equipment for data analysis. Contact Gayle directly at (202) 366-5559 to report incidents for potential investigation; identify self as ADED member. Fax at (202) 366-4329.

• Bruno Indep. Living Aids, Inc., has a new wheelchair lift for 1996 Chevy S-10/GMC Sonoma compact pickup trucks on the driver side third door, and another model for Chevy/GMC CK extended cab full size trucks on the passenger side third door. Also new is the 900C lift for the driver side sliding door on 1996 Chrysler mini-vans.
NMEDA Elects Greg Sacks at San Antonio Conference

TAMPA, FL (Special to ADED)- What looks like another banner year for NMEDA (National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association) started recently in San Antonio, Texas, at the association's annual conference.

More than 300 delegates from the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, France, and Israel braved the frigid temperatures and icy streets of the historic Texas city. But it's not The Alamo they'll remember - or even the bad weather - about the four day February gathering at the Hilton Palacio del Rio.

Rather, They'll recall San Antonio as the place where they elected their first new president in three years, choosing Greg Sacks of St. Louis, MO, to succeed Scott Hayse of Knoxville, TN, who chose not to run for a third successive term. Sacks may choose to run again when his term expires next February.

Sacks, sales manager of United Medical Mart in Florissant, MO, served four consecutive terms as Midwestern Regional Representative on the NMEDA board of directors before his elevation to the presidency.

San Antonio will also be remembered as the place where Ford and General Motors provided NMEDA members with a sneak peek at their 1997-model vans, prior to introduction to the general public, and where the landmark decision was reached to establish a separate Canadian Chapter, with its own national headquarters at a Canadian site to be determined.

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by Carmella M. Strano, OTR/L

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Traffic Safety Facts 1994
Older Population*

- There are more than 23.2 million people age 70 years or older in the United States. From 1984 to 1994, this older segment of the population grew 2.4 times as fast as the total population.
- There were 15.7 million older licensed drivers in 1994 - a 45% increase from the number in 1984.
- Nearly two-thirds (64%) of all older occupants of passenger cars involved in fatal crashes were using restraints at the time of the crash, compared to 52% for other adult occupants.

Know Something of Interest to With Other ADED Members?

Information sharing is a valued service of this newsletter, but it can only happen with your help. Take a minute to complete the form below and share what you know.

Upcoming events, new services or programs, presentations, publications, automotive news, resources, and research are just some examples of information to send in. Are you an author in your secret life? Volunteer to write an article for publication in NewsBrake.

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KEY NOTES

- Lewis-Gasle Regional Rehab in Salem, Virginia has established a comprehensive driver rehab program and just completed their first year. Lenoe Schreuders, OTR, CDI reports they now have two CDI's on staff.
- Sandy Hutchinson, OTR at Lakeland Regional Health System in St Joseph, Michigan is developing a proposal based on a needs assessment survey she conducted. Her goal is to begin a driver's assessment program.
- Al Meltzer of Al's Driving School in New London, Iowa, is now offering specialized tutoring to help students pass the written test and obtain a learner's permit.
- "Driving with a physical dysfunction", a chapter section written by Susan Lillie, OTR, CDRS, was recently published in Pedretti's Occupational Therapy Practice Skills for Physical Dysfunction
- Carmello Strano, OTR/L, Chair of the SAE Terminology Committee, reports that revision of the terminology document by SAE is currently in process
- Syracuse and Buffalo New York will now have full-time driver rehabilitation programs, thanks to Rochester Rehabilitation Center. One full time driver rehab specialist has relocated from Rochester to each city to provide better customer service and reduce travel difficulties. In addition to a mini-van on site, they will continue to have access to Rochester's fleet of vehicles.
- Charlotte Institute of Rehabilitation in Charlotte, North Carolina hired Terri Speer, Driver Rehabilitation Specialist, to expand the program. In-vehicle evaluations and training are now provided.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

- March 22 & 23, 1996 Massachusetts
The Identification & Management of High Risk/Unfit Drivers
Second Annual Conference
This conference is aimed at health care providers and others interested in Traffic safety. Participants will have an ability to identify the unfit driver, learn about resources for reporting and referring, and an understanding of current and proposed federal and state laws regarding this area of public safety after the program.
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April 26-27, 1996 Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Mid-West Conference
The Key is in Milwaukee
For more information, contact Pete O'Malley at (414) 384-2000, ext. 1131 or Scott Armour at (317) 845-3408

August 24-27, 1996 Dallas, Texas
1996 ADED Annual Conference
Mark your calendars and start saving your pennies now! You won't want to miss this one!

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Chapter News

by Anne Hegberg, President-Elect

**Colorado**- Karen Richardson (President) The chapter held a meeting January 24 in Denver at Masterdrive. On the agenda, the election of officers, reviewing the video "Take a Second, Save a Life" and a presentation by a vision specialist.

**Florida** - Judy Hamelburg (President) Decreased funding by vocational rehabilitation is a primary concern to practitioners in the Florida chapter. The next chapter meeting may be by phone conference as budgets are very limited for travel. Election of officers to take place in the near future.

**Mid-Atlantic**- Deena Garrison-Jones (President) The next meeting is scheduled for June to be held in conjunction with EKA/Division's open house in Capitol Heights, Maryland. Glenn Digman is coordinating the meeting. The chapter is also attempting to encourage more vendors to become involved in ADED. The chapter is investigating the possibility of evaluators sharing the cost and use of an evaluation van between several facilities.

**Mid-West** - Scott Armour (President) The midwest conference planning is gearing up for the April 26-27 conference. 1996 officers are Scott Armour, President Roger Kelsh, Vice President, and Fred Doll, Secretary. Kim Larson had to resign as Secretary due to a new job position - Good luck in Kansas City Kim!

**North Carolina** - No report at this time

**North East** - Jurgen Babirad (President) Second annual conference was held in late October. Election of officers in the near future.

**South Central** - Mike Shipp (President) reports he is attempting to set up a meeting for the chapter, date and place to be announced.

**South Carolina and Georgia** - Currently in process of being approved as a chapter, final approval pending the Spring ADED board meeting.

**Tennessee/Kentucky** - Amanda Hamilton (President) reports that officer elections are to be held this spring. Anyone interested in running for office, please contact Amanda at (615) 322-0100.

**Job Opportunity**
The Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City, MO. has an immediate need for an experienced Driving Program Coordinator. Interested individuals please phone Joy Arkell at (816) 751-2087.
Clockwise: Larry Bowen and Sally Sullivan at the ADED booth during a vendor lunch; Doug Eaton of Vantage, in a guillotine, plays along with magician to illustrate a point (no pun intended); Mike Shipp accepting a golf award; Manufacturers, dealers, and ADED board members exchanging ideas.
On The Road Again

Calvin Dixon has been a champion of the open road for over 30 years. Not even a spinal cord tumor, diagnosed in 1976, slowed the long-distance truck driver down for long. After the progressive nerve damage made him a paraplegic, Calvin learned to drive a semi with adaptive hand controls.

Today, Calvin is one of only a few U.S. truck drivers in a wheelchair who drives across-country. Specializing in heavy machinery and military equipment, he purchased his own 18-wheeler flatbed in 1987 and initially made runs together with his son Duane. A year after he went solo in 1991, he had a Ricon S-Series transit lift installed in the passenger side of his sleeper.

“I know machinery, so I checked out other lifts,” says Calvin, “and in my opinion, Ricon builds the best, most reliable one on the market.”

Born and raised in DuBois, Pennsylvania, Calvin has been married for 32 of his 51 years and has four children. “I’m not the only person with this type of challenge,” he says, “and I hope my story will inspire others to learn to do jobs like mine.”