

Wellington Works



Newsletter of the Elementary, Secondary and Occasional Teachers of Wellington Catholic

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Wellington Banquet—Thursday May 26th

Wellington OECTA's "In Appreciation" Banquet will be held on **May 26th** at the Italian Canadian Club. At this banquet we honour our retirees, and 25 year members as well as those who have served as OECTA Reps and Committee members. In addition, we present our various Awards for our members and friends in the community.

Retirees

The following teachers are the confirmed retirements since our last Banquet

Armando Carere Kathy Carere Rachelle Forster Dorothy Hopfner
Pat Kwiatkowski Cynthia Morris Luanne Shirton Patricia Spedler
Linda Tessari Terri Wilson

25 Year

The following teachers will be recognized for 25 years of service in OECTA.

Grant Drohan Armando Carere Clare Dow Patricia Gloor
Kim Keens-Sheriff Fatima Mantell Laura McNany Rosemary McNamara
Emily Orlando Mary Scapinello

Awards Recipients:

Nomination forms have been posted in the OECTA Conference and copies sent to all reps. Award winners will be finalized by the executive by May 16th. Please feel free to nominate people prior to that date for the following awards:

Award of Merit - Community Member

Award of Merit - OECTA Member

25 year in one Award

Salami Award (political faux pas award)

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OECTA Memorial Golf Tournament - June 1

Beginning this year, Wellington OECTA will be sponsoring a Golf Tournament in memory of all deceased former members. This "new" tournament has evolved out of the Ted Bachusky Memorial to which OECTA provided support over many years.

Where: Guelph Lakes Country Club

Who: Open to all members of OECTA, their guests, all other Board employees

When: Wed., June 1st at 4:00 (it's a scramble, or "shotgun," start,)

What: for just \$50, you will get a complimentary gift, a cart for every 2 players, a steak dinner, the chance to win a draw or raffle prize. There will be prizes awarded to the winning foursome, closest to the pin, longest drive, etc.

Please try to put together a foursome (you can also register just yourself, or in pairs, and we will place you in a foursome). Send names to Grant Drohan by May 15th. There is a limit of 72 players. You can also just dine with us for \$30, if you are not golfing. Make out your cheques to Wellington OECTA and give it to one of the committee members, or to your OECTA rep.

Contact Grant for any further information.

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Report from the OECTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2010-11 Provincial Executive and OTF Governors

PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE

President: Kevin O'Dwyer
Past President: James Ryan
First Vice-President: Chris Karuhanga
Second Vice-President: Ann Hawkins
Third Vice-President: Warren Grafton
Treasurer: Sonia Di Petta
Councillor: Louis Trinchi
Councillor: Andrew Donihee
OTF Table Officer: Julie Pauletig

ONTARIO TEACHERS FEDERATION (OETCA REPRESENTATIVES)

OTF Governor: Tom Doyle
OTF Governor: Julie Pauletig
OTF Governor: Reno Melatti
OTF Governor: Richard Schrader
OTF Governor: Mike Wosniak



OECTA President-elect
Kevin O'Dwyer

OECTA President Calls on Members to Get Active in the Provincial Election

In his address to members at their Annual General Meeting, OECTA President James Ryan stressed the importance of the upcoming provincial election for continued peace and progress within the education system.



"Working to elect a government that values publicly funded education, respects teachers and wants to partner with us to continue improving the outcomes of all our students, is our biggest priority this fall," said Ryan.

Members were also encouraged to get active in local campaigns as a way of contributing to electing an education friendly legislature.

"We know all too well the implications of electing a government that does not value public services – we have seen that movie before and we are not interested in a sequel," added Ryan.

Who speaks for Children?

The AGM also provided the backdrop for the re-launch of OECTA's Who Speaks for Children? Campaign. The campaign aims to spark an inquiry in the minds of the public as they head to the polls this fall.

Visit www.speakforchildren.ca for more information and to view the Who Speaks for Children? video, visit www.youtube.com/user/OECTASpeaks



*Those who cannot remember the past
are condemned to repeat it."*
George Santayana - philosopher

Vote For Your Future

Election 2011

AGM delegates support fee increase for political action

AGM delegates endorsed a fee increase of \$60 per member, which will take effect July 1, 2011, and will be reviewed next year. The entire amount will be dedicated to OECTA's political action campaign geared to the October 6 provincial election.

The focus of the political action campaign is to elect an education-friendly legislature in order to protect and improve upon the gains in education made over the past eight years. Each OECTA unit will receive \$12 of the fee increase for each of its members in order to support local election-related activities.



While Ontario's education system is not perfect, it ranks as one of the best in the world today. It has shown more improvement between 2003 and 2010 than any other system in the world. The worst thing that could happen to our children, our students, would be for Ontario to move in a different direction and jeopardize the immense progress made since 2003.

The 2011 provincial election will be the fourth provincial election in which OECTA has launched a provincial campaign and established a political action fund to help promote the election of an education friendly government. Similar political action campaigns were undertaken in 1999, 2003 and 2007.

Liberal Education Minister and NDP Leader Speak at AGM - PC leader declines invitation



Among the guest speakers at OECTA AGM were the Education Minister in the current Liberal government and the leader of the Provincial New Democratic Party Andrea Horwath.

In keeping with his record of snubbing OECTA, PC Party Leader Tim Hudak was a no-show. Hudak has declined all invitations to meet with OECTA since becoming leader.



Hon. Leona Dombrowsky,
Minister of Education

NDP Leader, Andrea Horwath

Armstrong calls for Moral Courage in Human Rights Activism

Keynote speaker Sally Armstrong, made an impassioned plea to AGM delegates for awareness and action on human rights, particularly the plight of woman throughout the world

"Now, it's apathy that we have to fight. It's easy to say you want change, but taking action takes courage. Human rights education makes it clear that moral courage is what it takes to challenge the status quo, stand up for others. Please encourage moral courage in your students."

Armstrong is an Amnesty International award winner, a member of the Order of Canada, journalist, teacher, author and human rights activist.

OECTA's wordmark gets an update

After 25 years, OECTA has redesigned its wordmark (see picture to left). The new wordmark was officially unveiled to members at AGM. Rollout is underway with a goal of full implementation by July 1, 2011.



Young Authors' Awards - 2011 - Local Recipients



Many thanks to all those teachers and students who participated in this year's Young Authors Contest. Local winning "authors" will receive a certificate and a gift certificate.

Winning local entries have been forwarded to the Provincial Competition. Provincial Award recipients will be officially announced at the June Council of Presidents meeting (June 9-10).

We congratulate the following local winners:

LOCAL WINNERS

Grades 1-2

Short Story

"My Life as a Shoe"

by Michael Rozzi, St. Paul

Poem

"Ski-ish"

by Sofia Mrowca, St. Paul

Nonfiction

"Pink is Awesome"

by Sarah Caughill, Holy Trinity

Grades 3-4

Short Story

"The Dragon Princess"

by Rachel Mulder, St Joseph (Fergus)

Nonfiction

"Life on a Dairy Farm"

by Olivia Miotto, Holy Trinity

Grades 5-6

Short Story

"How the Raccoon Got its Mask"

by Katie Glaab, St John (Guelph)

Poem

"Body Image"

by Grace Rooney, St Joseph (Fergus)

Nonfiction

"Tropical Island"

by Alexa Popp-Carrer, Holy Trinity

Grades 7-8

Short Story

"The Suitcase"

by Erin Nunn, St Ignatius

Poem

"A Helping Hand"

by Kaleigh Kerr, St Peter

Non-fiction

"Wishes"

by Pepper Dunn-Dufault, St. Peter

FSL Short Story

"Un Voleur Apeure"

by Grace Nichol, St Joseph (Guelph)

We also would like to acknowledge the following teachers who encouraged their students' involvement in this contest and submitted entries:

Holy Trinity - Chris Bilodeau, Sue Busato, Sabrina Circelli, Silvano DiBattista, Maria DiReto, Susan Ferraro, Beth Uyede

St. Ignatius - Susan Pellizzari

St. John - Laura Furfaro, Linda Artuso-Jacobi, Mirella Cazzola

St. Joseph, Fergus - Louise Beney, Scott Curtis, Suzanne Small, Sara Wilson

St. Joseph, Guelph - Ed McAnany

St. Mary, Elora - Heidi Cassano, Claire McElhinney

St. Paul - Melanie Drummond, Nicole Furfaro, Mary Hebden, Laurie Hutt, Mario Nicolaou

St. Peter - Cathy Bazinet, Heather Frimeth, Christine Hamilton

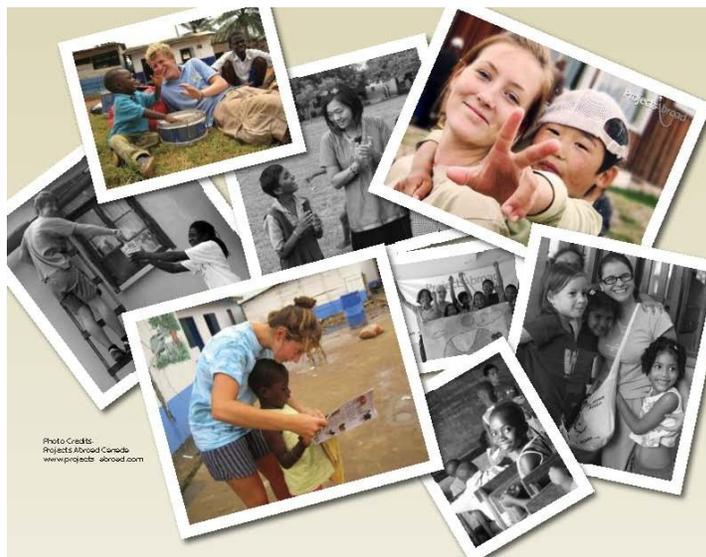
All teachers who participated in the local contest were entered into a draw for a \$50. Staples gift certificate. This year's winners were Sabrina Circelli and Chris Bilodeau.



WELLINGTON ANNUAL BANQUET - MAY 26 - ICC

LOCAL AGM AND ELECTIONS - JUNE 15 - ORCHARD PARK

Professional Development



The soul of teaching: Changing the human condition

Biennial Conference: Educating for the Common Good
July 6-8, 2011 Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel

Speakers:

Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish
Author of *I Shall Not Hate*

Michel Chikwanine
Former child soldier

David Craig
Award winning playwright presents a reading
of *Tough Case*, a one-act play

Ilana Landsberg-Lewis
Human rights advocate

Watch for online registration information at
www.oecta.on.ca



OTF Summer Program 2011

Information should have arrived in schools recently on the Ontario Teachers' Federation's wide-ranging program of Professional Learning opportunities offered this summer. For more info or to register please visit www.otffeo.on.ca, then go to Professional learning and click on Summer Program 2011.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION COURSES IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OECTA - OCSTA SUMMER 2011 PARTS 1, 2 & 3 (Specialist)

GUELPH

First Session Saturday, June 18, 2011

Final Session: Friday, July 15, 2011

Times: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Class Dates: June 18 (Saturday)

1st Week Summer: July 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

2nd Week Summer: July 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Special Note: July 11 & 12 will involve a two day retreat experience at the Ecology Retreat Centre in the Hockley Valley near Orangeville, Ontario. There will be an additional cost for this experience which will provide accommodation for the night (July 11) and meals for the two days.

Total cost per person will be approx. \$120. Tuition cheques (\$500) are in addition to, and separate from, the retreat fees.

Contact Luc Renaud for more information, if required.

Location: Bishop Macdonell Catholic High School, Guelph.

Tuition Fee: \$500

Retreat Fee: Approx. \$120 (this is paid at the Retreat Center)

Registration: online via: oecta.on.ca

Mr. Luc Renaud

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Retreat fees are not required until July 11th.

**WELLINGTON OECTA
ANNUAL MEETING
AND ELECTIONS**

WEDNESDAY June 15 - 4:30 p.m.
**ORCHARD PARK OFFICES — IGNATIUS
CENTRE**

Highway # 6 North
(Location is subject to change
if necessary due to elections)

All OECTA members are encouraged to attend
this important meeting

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS — May 26th



Wellington Works

is prepared
by

Wellington OECTA
President Jim Whitechurch
Elementary VP Heather Frimeth
Secondary VP George Giovinazzo
Occasional VP Nancy Baker
to provide important
information to members



ELECTION CHAIR APPOINTED
Mike Topolie, a teacher at OLOL and long-time OECTA activist, will be serving as this year's Election Chair. All inquiries regarding the election process and nominations should be submitted to Mike through First Class.

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION
TIMELINES**

Thursday May 26 (4:30PM) -
Close of Nominations.
- Close of Nominations for **all** positions
- All subsequent nominations for positions remaining open must be made from floor on June 15

**Tuesday May 31 (City) and
Thursday June 2 (County)-**
Candidate Meetings – Place TBD

Thursday June 2 (Noon) -
Candidate profiles due

Monday June 6 -
Candidate Profiles published

**Tuesday June 7 (City) &
Thursday June 9 (County)-**
Advanced Polls Place TBD
- * Advance voting (in the event of a contested election) for President only: one city/ one county location TBA 3:30—6:00

**Wednesday June 15 - AGM and
Unit Elections**
- General meeting begins 4:30
- * Voting for President position remains open for at least 1/2 hour after start of meeting

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OECTA Election Chair through
First Class.**