

# Wellington Works



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

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## Wellington OECTA Executive 2011-12

The new executive for Wellington OECTA will take office as of July 1.

The following is the executive for 2011-12:

<b>President:</b>	Jim Whitechurch
<b>VP (Elementary):</b>	Heather Frimeth
<b>VP (Secondary):</b>	George Giovinazzo
<b>*VP (Occasional):</b>	Nancy Baker
<b>Secretary:</b>	Laurence Vignola
<b>Councillors:</b>	Michelle Genore John Maschio Kevin Reid Peter Stoop Dawn Uliana

The Unit VP (Occasional) is elected at the OT General Meeting September 14 see page 3.

## Summer Office Hours

The OECTA office will be closed for most of the summer but we will be regularly checking email and voice mail. If you leave a message on the office voice mail 519 763-3043, one of us will get back to you ASAP. Feel free to contact any of us as needed during the summer.

Jim	Home 519 824 1543 Cell 519 400 5362
George	Cell 519 400 5361
Heather	Cell 519 400 5363

Serious problems, or emergencies, can be dealt with by contacting provincial office at 1-800-268-7230.

## Political Action Updates

The first mailing from your TriPAC ( all affiliate Political Action Committee) should be arriving at your homes soon (delayed by Postal dispute) and a second mailing will go out shortly. In our efforts to encourage all members to become engaged in the upcoming

provincial election, we hope you will take time to read and consider the important information sent to you. More info on OECTA Political Action Campaign can be found on page 3 and on the provincial website [www.oecta.ca](http://www.oecta.ca)



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HAVE A SAFE  
AND RESTFUL  
SUMMER  
HOLIDAY!

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## Wellington Banquet—Thursday May 26th

Wellington OECTA's "In Appreciation" Banquet was held on **May 26th** at the Italian Canadian Club. This banquet honoured our retirees, and 25 year members as well as those who have served as OECTA Reps and Committee members. In addition, various Awards for our members and friends in the community were presented.

### Retirees

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 were recognized for 25 years of service in OECTA.

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

### Awards Recipients:

Our award winners were:

- Award of Merit - Community Member—Dolores Bergin
- Award of Merit - OECTA Member—Peter Glaab
- OECTA Rep of the Year —Roberta Casagrande
- 25 year in one Award—St Michael School Staff

### OECTA Memorial Golf Tournament - June 1



Wellington OECTA's "first" Memorial Golf Tournament was held on June 1. With the co-operation of the weatherman, the tournament saw 59 golfers participate in this event. This "new" tournament has evolved out of the Ted Bachusky Memorial to which OECTA provided support over many years and is to be held annually in memory of all deceased former members.

The winning foursome was Brian Burns, Dan Anstett, Phil DiNucci and Rob DellaCroce

Special thanks to Grant Drohan and his organizing committee for their work in organizing this successful event. Thanks go in particular to:

Lori Gamble, Mary Hebden, Tim O'Brien, Greg Dickinson, Dianne Martin, Marty Bell as well as Unit Officers (Heather, George and Jim) who assisted in a number of areas.

## When Faith Meets Pedagogy

The 2011 When Faith meets Pedagogy Conference will occur October 27-29. As in the past OECTA and the Board will be sponsoring a number of delegates to this conference. Look for further information early in the new school year.

FAITH THROUGH LEARNING: A DISTINCTIVE CATHOLIC CURRICULUM



### Bishop's Dinner for Catholic Education

The Bishop's Dinner for Catholic Education will held on September 28. The funds raised at this event will be used to purchase some additional furnishings to complete St. Brigid Retreat Centre. This year's dinner will be in celebration of the Sisters of Loretto and the commitment to honour them with a permanent gallery in the new Guelph Museum.

## INFORMATION FOR OCCASIONAL TEACHERS

### Professional Development

#### Half-Day In-Service

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Afternoon Only – 12:45 – 3:30

*Italian Canadian Club – Ferguson St., Guelph*

Find out about OECTA and your Collective Agreement, and available resources

Learn the ins and outs of the First Class Email System and the OERB

Receive information on procedures and safety

Hear from the Board on the call out system and how to make it work for you

\*This is a Board paid half-day – time sheets will be provided\*

PLEASE NOTE

**If you are called to work this day, do not refuse the call out - there will be other opportunities for PD**

### Notice of Meeting

#### Annual General Meeting

(Following 1/2 day inservice)

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

*Italian Canadian Club*

3:30 – 3:45 refreshments/social time

3:45 sharp – formal meeting will begin

Agenda items include:

Discussion and decision on local organization of Occasional Teacher Unit

Update on contract issues

Election of Occasional Teacher Bargaining Unit President, Secretary, and Treasurer

Election of VP from Occasionals on OECTA Executive and the OT Representative on OECTA reps council

**Nominations for all the above positions are due to Mike Topolie (OECTA Elections Chair) by email 1:00 p.m. Friday, September 9, 2011**

**ALL OCCASIONAL TEACHERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

### **OECTA POLITICAL ACTION**

OECTA's Political Action campaign "Who Speaks for Children?" is an issues-based campaign which encourages all voters to examine the educational platforms of all Ontario's political parties to determine party support. The essential message is that the Ontario Education system is an excellent system that continues to be an example to the world. International studies continuously rank our system among the best in the world. It is a system worth protecting.

OECTA's campaign will focus on the positive message and encourage members to vote to elect education-friendly MPPs. Locally, the fee return to our unit will be used exclusively for local political action, including joint activities with both of our sister affiliates (ETFO and OSSTF). We will be recommending/endorsing specific local candidates both locally and provincially – some may be Liberals, some NDP and who knows there may be others. We are not telling people how to vote but will be actively encouraging members to become active and aware of the issues and concerns that should be important to educators. We cannot afford to return the political environment created under Mike Harris and Ernie Eves.



**Vote For Your Future**

Election 2011

*Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."*

George Santayana - philosopher



### **YOUNG AUTHORS — PROVINCIAL AWARD**

Wellington OECTA is pleased to announce that one of our Young Authors entries was selected as a winner at the Provincial Level. Holy Trinity student Sarah Caughill's "Pink is Awesome" was selected in the Primary Non Fiction category. Congratulations to Sarah and her teacher, Sabrina Circelli.

### **SUMMER STAFF MEETINGS**

The new school year begins September 9. OECTA's position is that "staff meetings" scheduled at any time during the summer Break are voluntary. No teacher should feel compelled to attend a "staff meeting" during the holidays. These are not paid instructional days.

Any teacher can choose whether to attend a so-called staff meeting during the summer months. We will defend any teacher's right to make this decision and to be free from any response that might be disciplinary in nature. No teacher should be reprimanded, be refused information from the meetings, or be otherwise negatively affected for not attending one of these "voluntary" meetings. These are NOT mandatory.

### **LTD RATES**

We are pleased to report that Sun Life has agreed to maintain LTD rates at current levels next year. This means our LTD rates will remain approximately 33.5% lower than the 2003 levels when we engaged Corporate Benefits Analysts and became more actively involved in the management of our LTD program.

### **REMINDER FOR OCCASIONAL TEACHERS**

If you wish to remain on the OT list for September, it is imperative that you send in your registration and offence declaration forms to the board office by June 30th.

These forms can be found on First Class in the OECTA site under Supply Teacher Communications. The email is called Remain on supply list. You can email the registration form but the Offence Declaration must be printed and a paper copy sent to the board office.

## **THANK YOU**

As another school year comes to an end, on behalf of all members of Wellington OECTA, I would like to thank the following:

... the members of the Unit Executive who served this year, attending multiple monthly meetings and making important decisions on behalf of Wellington OECTA members. A particular thanks to my three VPs George, Heather and Nancy for their work this challenging year.

... all associations reps who faithfully served our members in schools and other locations during this past school year, by attending meetings (sometimes long meetings), distributing and collecting material, advocating, mediating, problem solving, and sticking their necks out for all of us. These front-line workers are the key to our success as a union.

... all members who served on OECTA committees, attended OECTA events and supported their professional association throughout the year.

... the AGM delegation who sacrificed the first weekend of March Break to attend our provincial Annual General Meeting as representatives of Wellington unit.

... our faithful Wellington Works readers who take the time to be informed and to care about the issues and each other.

To one and all,

Enjoy your much deserved break!

JIM WHITECHURCH,

Wellington Unit President

## **Wellington Works**

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