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2013-2014

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# WELLINGTON WORKS

2013 - 2014

AUGUST

SUMMER SPECIAL

## SUMMER GREETINGS!

We hope everyone is enjoying the Summer. Whether you are on holidays, still finding that state of relaxation, maybe preparing for next year's assignment or taking courses; make some time to stop and enjoy the lack of bells and buzzers!

The OECTA Office has seen some significant work over the past month as the new Executive gets acquainted with each other and plans for our new school year. We have also continued to deal with our member's concerns as the end of the year has left some unresolved issues. We are grateful for the assistance of our outgoing Executive members, especially Jim and George, as we transition the Officers.

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## ASSOCIATION

ONTARIO ENGLISH

# Catholic Teachers

## Happy Retirement Jim!

On behalf of the entire WCDSB family and the Wellington OECTA Unit we wish our Retiring Unit President Jim Whitechurch a well deserved restful summer as he begins his retirement. Jim's involvement with OECTA spans three decades. It began after the Rae

Days, then through the Dark Harris Years and into the start of the McGuinty era. That peaceful era erupted into the MoU year and our current situation. Jim's steady hand at the rudder steered OECTA Wellington as calmly as possible through troubled waters. We all benefitted

through Jim's wisdom. Jim served our members on the Executive, as VP and finally as President.

Thank you Jim and we hope you and Pat are enjoying the cottage!



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# Wellington OECTA Website

The Wellington OECTA website has begun to be updated. On the 15th of July the three Release Officers were serviced via phone and computer link with our web provider who is located in Calgary. We are happy to announce that we were immediately able to make some changes and updates. There has been some aspect of trial and error as we learn how to best utilize the system but we hope to pass through this learning curve fairly quickly.

If you check out the website you will see some bolded and underlined sections entitled \*NEW\*. This will allow you to see what we have added. In some cases, there will appear the words Under Construction, this means we are still working on that area and more changes or editing will appear.

It is our hope that the website will be an active site for our membership to learn more about our Unit activities,

events and especially a useful resource to help you understand your contract, bylaws and rights as members.

To help the Executive we hope to have a Communications Committee formed to assist in the implementation of any ideas to update our website and make the technology that is available more useful to our membership.

## Call for Committee Members

We are now inviting members to volunteer for OECTA committees for next year, the 2013-2014 school year.

Please reply to any of the Executive so we can begin to form our committees for September.

For a full description of these committees and their duties please check our website [www.wellingtonoecta.ca](http://www.wellingtonoecta.ca)

OECTA Committees

Awards

Beginning Teachers

Benevolent (Secretary)

Communications (website)

Elementary VP Elem chair

Secondary VP Sec chair

Finance Treasurer : chair

Human Rights

Legislation Bylaws

OTs VP OT will be elected in Sept.

PAC (Political Action Committee)

PD VP Elem chair

Social

Annual In Appreciation Banquet  
Golf Tournament and Other Events

Appointed Board Committees

Health and Safety  
Catholicity Council  
Elections /Nominations

# WELLINGTON OECTA GOLF TOURNAMENT



ANNUAL OECTA GOLF  
TOURNAMENT

In May we helped sponsor our Annual OECTA In Memorial Golf Tournament. We had over 50 participants. It was nice to see many of our retired members join teachers, Board employees and of course friends and family for a sunny late afternoon round of golf and dinner. Congratulations to Mike Topolie, Tom Doyle and Dan McGinnis who won the tournament! In addition, to the great honour of winning they also get to help organize next year's tournament. Grant would like to thank all those who helped collect tickets, prizes and sponsors, set up the snacks and awards as well as decorate the hall. Thanks Lori, Suzanne, Mary and Tim! Special thanks to retiring member Grant Drohan who once again organized the tournament. Grant has stated he will help organize the tournament next year along with our defending champs.

Hope to see many of you next year for another celebration of friendship.

## ASSOCIATION REPS - ELECTIONS

### Wellington OECTA needs a few good Reps!

As we prepare to enter a new school year it is time to elect new OECTA staff association reps. We know some schools had an OECTA meeting at the end of June and this was done. If your school or site did not please conduct the election meeting in early September. Rep meetings will be held the last Monday of each month except December and June at 4:30 at the OECTA Office. We would ask that previous reps facilitate the election and that the name of each rep be forwarded to us as soon as possible. Some larger schools elect two reps to share the duties. There are many schools that also elect an alternate rep as well. It is important to have a rep at every school to help provide a vital communication link with the OECTA Executive.

We would like to thank all of last year's reps for their service to their fellow members. Reps are the front line workers of our local Unit and are vital to OECTA.

*Association Rep*

*Elections :*

*Meetings must*

*be called in*

*advance with*

*notice and*

*conducted with*

*only members*

*present.*

*The Association*

*Reps for all*

*school and non-*

*site members*

*should be*

*completed by*

*September 15th.*

## (V L A P) Voluntary Unpaid Leave of Absence Program

There is some ongoing questions regarding the VLAP. Teachers are allowed to ask for up to 5 days leave during the 2013-2014 school year. Your pay period will be deducted accordingly. As long as

the dates you request are not during reporting periods or end/start of the semester they should be approved.

If you have questions call the office.

# Wellington OECTA “In Appreciation Banquet”

On May 30th, OECTA held our Annual In Appreciation Banquet at the I.C.C. At the Banquet we honour our retirees, those who have reached 25 years in OECTA, and winners of various awards which are presented annually by Wellington OECTA.

## Retirees:

Kenneth Cox  
Fury Di Loreto  
Tom Doyle  
Grant Drohan  
Claire Flaherty  
Diane Jones  
Penny Larue  
Anna Matteis  
Agnese Nagy  
Al Ososki  
Eva Reitsma  
Les Schmidt  
Kate Slein  
Elizabeth Tersigni  
Joe Tersigni  
Mike Topolie  
Adelina Visentin  
Jim Whitechurch

## Quarter Century Club 25 years:

Mirella Cazzola  
Andrew Chaput  
Kenneth Cox  
Stephen Friesen  
Lori Gamble  
Joy Goddard  
Allen Harris  
Iva Hodgson  
Luke Hohenadel  
Mitch Mason  
Fil Mattina-Derewianko  
Lucianna Pizziola  
Lynn Steffler  
Cheryl Topolie  
Susan Weir  
Michelle Williams

**Congratulations to all our Retirees and  
Quarter Century Club 25 year colleagues.**

## OECTA AWARDS

OECTA Association Rep Appreciation Award	Kenneth Cox
OECTA Award of Merit (Community Member)	WCDSB Choir
OECTA Award of Merit (OECTA Member)	Mike Topolie and Grant Drohan
OECTA Lifetime Achievement Award	Jim Whitechurch

## SUMMER STAFF MEETINGS

Questions still arrive on email and at the office regarding summer staff meetings. The collective agreement is very clear on your rights and responsibilities. “...one staff meeting per month during the 194 day school year...(they) shall occur immediately following the end of the instructional day. ...All other meetings outside the instructional day are voluntary.

**CALL THE OFFICE OR EMAIL IF YOU NEED CLARIFICATION!**