

It is hard to believe that March Break has passed and Easter is upon us! The sunshine and warmer weather is just around the corner.

AGM 2018 has come and gone, thanks to those delegates who participated in this year's event. For the first time we were able to deal with all the resolutions presented, that is quite the accomplishment.

The 2018-2019 Provincial Executive is:

Liz Stuart - President  
Ann Hawkins - Past President  
Warren Grafton - 1st Vice President  
Barb Dombrolwski - 2nd Vice President  
Andrew Donihee - 3rd Vice President  
Michel Derick - Treasurer  
Dean Demers - Councillor  
Rene Jansen in de Wal - Councillor  
There was not an election for OTF Governors - that takes place every two years.

AGM 2019 will take place in Ottawa as it is the 75th Anniversary of OECTA.

By now most of you have heard that I will be retiring at the end of June. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as your President. The nomination forms have gone out to all schools and workplaces, and if you haven't considered it before think about it now, and put your name forward to be a member of the local Unit Executive.

The nomination form for President is separate from all the other nominations as the President election is an in-school

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

vote. The timelines are as follows:  
March 19- Nomination form goes out to membership via Staff Reps;  
April 5 - Nominations for the position of President close at 4 p.m. ;  
April 19 - Meet the candidates at local Unit office;  
April 23 - In school vote;  
April 24 - President announced.

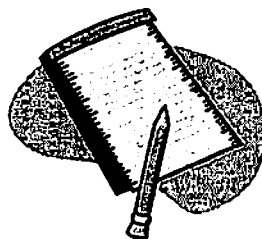
The ballots and voter lists will be sent to the staff representatives April 9th.

As for the other positions on the Unit Executive (1st Vice, 2nd Vice, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Councillors - maximum of 5) those nomination forms have been sent to the OECTA Staff Representative and are due in the Unit office by April 30th at 4 p.m. The elections for the above positions takes place at the Unit Annual General Meeting being held on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. at the Unit office.

If being on the Unit Executive seems too much we are always looking for members to sit on our standing committees:

- Human Rights
- Political Action
- Professional Development

The Committee form can be found on our website in the members' only section under forms.



It is important to note that we are beginning to work on the 2018-2019 staffing. Please note the following timelines:  
April 13 - Surplus/redundancy notice & Chairperson postings  
April 20 - First Teaching vacancy & Chairperson vacancies closes  
April 25 - Notice of transfers granted & denied sent out  
May 1 - Second posting of teaching vacancies open  
May 7 - Second teaching vacancies posting closes  
May 14 - Surplus teachers placed  
May 15 - Chairperson appointments announced  
May 18 - Third posting of teaching vacancies & Cross panel posting open  
May 28 - Third posting of teaching vacancies closes  
June 4 - Notice of transfers granted or denied  
June 1 - August 1 - Open transfer period

I wish each and everyone of you a Blessed Easter. Please enjoy the extra days with your family. Safe travels if you are on the roads this long weekend.

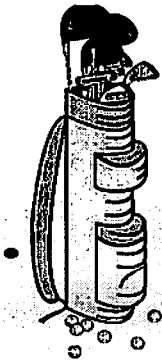


## GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Annual OECTA Unit Simcoe Muskoka Golf Tournament is fast approaching. The tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 26, 2018, at Innisbrook Golf course. Plans and registration information is still being finalized, but mark your calendars for a fun day of golf. The tournament will be a shot-gun start or a rolling start based on enrolment. Each team will play a round of golf (18 holes) with a cart and have an excellent dinner and awards for the small cost of \$75/player.

Get your team together and start practicing now - weather is getting better each day - or just come out for a great day of golf and comradery

Registration and further information will be sent out shortly through the staff representatives.



## PENSION CORNER

Registration for the upcoming OECTA retirement workshop is now closed, and you must be registered in order to attend the workshop.

OTIP has a Walk into Retirement with a Plan scheduled for April 24th at Liberty North from 4:30 until 7:30 p.m.. You must pre-register for this workshop as well. Registration information can be found on our website: [www.oectasimcoemuskoka.on.ca](http://www.oectasimcoemuskoka.on.ca)

This workshop focuses on the extended health & dental benefits at retirement and financial planning.



## FRANK MOORE MEMORIAL AWARD

The Frank Moore Memorial Award honours a Simcoe Muskoka Secondary Unit member who has served the profession in an exemplary manner. The award will be presented at the President's Dinner on May 17, 2018.

If you (as an individual or a staff) wish to nominate an OECTA colleague, please complete the nomination form that was sent out through the Staff Representatives and send to [j.lee@oectasimcoemuskoka.on.ca](mailto:j.lee@oectasimcoemuskoka.on.ca). No later than April 20, 2018.

Frank Moore was a well respected Teacher and leader at his school, and a tenacious advocate for his Unit Simcoe colleagues, especially noted for his expertise in the field of negotiations. The intent of the award is the recognition of outstanding service by a Unit Simcoe Muskoka Secondary member to school, Church, the community and the Association.

The criteria for selection listed below shall be only used as guidelines for this committee which consists of past recipients of the Frank Moore Memorial Award:

- a the recipient must be a member of OECTA;
- b persons nominated should have as many qualifications as possible:
  - i contribute to our system and education
  - i service in OECTA
  - iii contribute to community by taking part in community organizations (service, cultural, church, etc)
  - iv experience in classroom or other educational capacity
  - v professional capacity

We have many deserving colleagues and it would be great to recognize them all!! Please consider nominating a deserving teacher from your school or work location today!



## RESOURCES

### Grade 9 Math Olympics

A new event is being planned for grade 9 students in our secondary schools. This event is being designed to showcase the mathematics abilities of strong math students and is designed to be fun, interesting, challenging, and engaging. Students will participate in a number of math events after which awards will be given out to team, school, and individual participants. The event will take place at the Professional Activity Center on Tuesday, May 29. This is a full day event and will involve a team (or teams) made up of four students lead by a teacher from their school. The Math Olympics is limited to 16 teams; the Board will ensure that space is available for at least one team per school, then the spaces will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis.

The Teacher lead will attend at PD session related to the event on Wednesday, April 4th.

Please contact Frank Testa at the Board office and register for Grade 9 Olympics, SRN 2018043001155 in PD Registration in Employee Connect by **April 3rd**.

### ELECTIONS ONTARIO

With the Provincial election approaching on June 7, 2018, Elections Ontario has launched Provincial Voter Registration Month.

While the voting age in Ontario remains 18, Canadian citizens who are 16 and 17 years and residing in Ontario can now add themselves to the Ontario Register for Future Voters. Once added to the ORFV, registrants will automatically be added to the Voter's list when they turn 18.

Schools are encouraged to educate our future voters by sharing educational materials on voting in Ontario and on the ORFV. Please see the list below for resources that can be used in your classrooms - check out [www.elections.on.ca](http://www.elections.on.ca) for further information:

- Voting in Ontario brochure
- Voting Rules!: a civic education program for Grade 10 teacher in Ontario
- A Guide on Ontario Register of Future Voters: a handout for eligible 16 & 17 years old to learn more about the ORFV.

## RESOURCES

OTF Connects invites teachers to learn, share and collaborate with colleagues from across the province through rich, relevant professional learning opportunities. Teachers leave each session with immediately useful ideas for their classroom.

The OTF Connects program is online, ongoing support developed by teachers for teachers. Our easy-to-use webinar technology provides you with free, effective professional learning accessible from your home computer or mobile device.

#### April Sessions of interest:

April 3 - Planning a Week in a Problem-Solving Math Class

April 4 - Enhancing the Writing Process Through Technology

April 9 - Implications of Technology - Part 1: The Quest for Attention

April 10 - Developing Globally Competent and Engaged Global Citizens

April 16 - Digital Math = Accessible Math

April 23 - Google Forms for Authentic Assessment and Feedback

April 26 - Honouring Teacher Well-Being - Part 2: A New Slant on Teacher Mental Health and Well-being

April 30 - Implications of Technology - Part 2: Connected But Alone

#### May Sessions of interest:

May 1 - Supporting Improved Math Achievement Through a Focus on Wellness

May 8 - Reading for Intercultural Awareness in FSL

May 10 - Honouring Teacher Well-being - Part 3: From Self-care to Self-aware

May 22 - Using Online Tools to Capture Student Learning



## IN SYMPATHY WITH

Tracey Nastasiuk, Teacher at St. Peter's, on the passing of her father-in-law, Alex Nastasiuk.

Anne O'Neill, Teacher at Patrick Fogarty, on the passing of her sister, Kathleen O'Neill.

Catherine Rumney & Jennifer Gignac, Teachers at St. Theresa's, on the passing of their grandfather, Ted Pendlebury.

Bryan DeLonghi, Teacher at St. Joan of Arc, on the passing of his mother, Teresa DeLonghi.

Joyanne van Laarhoven, Teacher at St. Joan of Arc on the passing of her mother-in-law, Teresa DeLonghi.

Leo Healy, Teacher at Patrick Fogarty, on the passing of his father, John Healy.

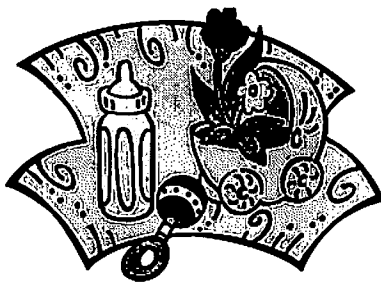
Christina Healy, Teacher at Patrick Fogarty, on the passing of her father-in-law, John Healy.

Marchesa Balloi-Paget, Teacher at Jean Vanier, on the passing of her mother, Asunta Balloi.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO!

Eddie Donato, Teacher at St. Thomas Aquinas, and his wife Cathy on the birth of their daughter, Linah.

Kim Trudeau, Teacher at St. Peter's, and her husband on the birth of their son, Woodsley.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 30 - Good Friday

April 2 - Easter Monday

April 4 - Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.  
Board Office, Barrie  
Mass will be begin at 7

April 5 - Town Hall meeting with Ann Hoggarth  
Liberty North, Barrie  
7-8:30 p.m.

April 7 - OECTA Retirement Workshop  
Barrie Country Club  
Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.  
**MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND**

April 9 - Executive Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.  
Unit office, Barrie

April 24 - OTIP Walk into Retirement with a Plan  
Liberty North, Barrie  
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
**MUST PRE-REGISTER**

April 25 - Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.  
Board Office, Barrie

April 26 - OECTA Staff Representative Meeting  
Unit office, Barrie  
4:30 p.m.

May 7 - Unit Annual General Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.  
Unit office, Barrie  
Executive elections & By-Law changes

May 7 - Executive Meeting immediately following  
Unit AGM

May 16 - Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.  
Board Office, Barrie

May 17 - President's Dinner  
Barrie Country Club  
5:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

