



**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Included in this Mailing is your renewal for 2004-05 OPSOA Membership. Renewals are due September 2004. Please take the time and pass along information to new SO's in your board.

**RETIREMENTS & MOVES**

Congratulations to the following who have recently announced retirement.  
~ Sharon Bate, Simcoe; Peter Brennan, Toronto; Ralph Cuthbertson, Toronto; Usha Finucane, Toronto; Brian Harris, Toronto; Judith Hoye, Ottawa-Carleton; Keith Johnson, Halton; Linda LaRocque, Toronto; Lindsay Leinen, Renfrew County; Merv Matier, Hamilton-Wentworth; Miriam Pearlman, Toronto; John Reynolds, Toronto; Sue Rowan, Toronto; Natalie Stein, Toronto; Sheila Tait, Toronto; Bonnie Viney, Ottawa-Carleton. Congratulations to Marjatta Longston, Avon Maitland, who has accepted a position with the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District in B.C.  
*We will miss your contributions in education and encourage you to remain active as Alumni Members.*

**NEW S.O.s**

Congratulations to the following new S.O.s: Ian Carswell, Upper Canada; David Doey, Lambton-Kent; Rusty Hick, Kawartha Pine Ridge; Susan Hiraishi, Peel; Ted Kennedy, Upper Canada; Judy Massey, Peel; Rob McGall, Hastings & Prince Edward; Jan Montgomery, Hastings & Prince Edward; Mike Neill, Ottawa-Carleton; Cathy Nevins, Ottawa-Carleton; Charlotte Patterson, Upper Canada; Jim Sheppard, Avon Maitland; Stephen Sliwa, Renfrew County; Pat Stanley, Avon Maitland. Glenda Stevenson, moves to Ottawa-Carleton from Upper Canada. New SO's are encouraged to attend "The New Supervisory Official" program in November.

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**OPSOA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The 2004 Annual Conference brought together about 175 supervisory officers from the public district school boards on March 31, April 1 and 2. The pre-conference with Michael Fullan provided an opportunity for good interaction with our colleagues from OPC. As well, more than 25 alumni attended and interacted with our current members.

Veronica Lacey delivered the keynote address and provided a clear and impassioned outline of the value of public education. Veronica spoke of the importance of leadership from her wide perspective as a senior administrator in a board and in the Ministry.

Minister Gerard Kennedy addressed the conference on Friday morning and brought a message of cooperation as well as recognition of the strength of the supervisory officer role.

OPSOA members provided a large number of significant workshops. Jeff Holmes outlined current pension plan status. A panel of senior corporate representatives spoke to the potential of public education for our young people.

Conference chair, Michelle Forge and her committee and President Larry Langdon were busy throughout the conference, organizing, chairing sessions and recognizing award winners and guests.

These three days were a great opportunity for supervisory officers to network and learn from the presentations.

Evaluations indicate that OPSOA members are in favour of the Inter-Continental location with some suggestions for improvement. We will work on these.

**Please reserve April 13, 14 & 15 for the 2005 Conference.**

**MEET TONY TUMMINIERI  
OPSOA PRESIDENT 2004-2005**

Presently serving in the role of Superintendent of Education with the Toronto District School Board, Tony has been active for many years with leadership programs and staff development. He has been involved actively with the Toronto Supervisory Officials' Association and the OPSOA Board of Directors and he has participated in CASA national sessions for the past several years. As an instructor with the SOQP program, Tony has worked with a good number of superintendents entering our ranks in the past few years. As OPSOA President, Tony will emphasize communication and service to members and will be a strong advocate for public education.

**AWARDS TO OPSOA MEMBERS**

**THE ORDER OF ONTARIO – DR. AVIS GLAZE**

Congratulations to Dr. Avis Glaze, Director of Education, Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board. Avis was recently honoured with The Order of Ontario, the province's most prestigious official honour. The men and women invested to the Order represent the best in Ontario's caring and diverse society and stand as shining examples for everyone. We are proud to acknowledge one of our members in public education with this honour!

**OPSOA DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

At the Annual Conference in April, OPSOA presented Distinguished Leadership Awards to Don Fairweather, Upper Canada District School Board; Marilyn Gouthro, Lakehead District School Board; Ruth Mattingley, Lambton Kent District School Board and Frances McKenna, Alumni Member (formerly York Region District School Board). Congratulations to these members for their outstanding leadership on behalf of supervisory officers in Ontario!

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*“Working for Ontario’s Public  
 Supervisory Officials”*



**OPSOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**2004-2005**

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CASA Representative	Ruth Mattingley, Lambton-Kent
CODE Representative	Dusty Papke, Halton
Executive Director	Frank Kelly

**UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

July 6-8, 2004 – OPSOA Board of Directors Strategic Planning Session, Muskoka  
July 15-18, 2004 – CASA Summer Leadership Academy, Calgary  
October 16, 2004 – OPSOA Regional Meetings, Brock Plaza Hotel, Niagara Falls  
October 16-18, 2004 – CASA Annual Conference, Sheraton on the Falls/Brock Plaza Hotel, Niagara Falls  
October 25-26, 2004 – OPSOA Professional Assistants’ Conference, Hotel Inter-Continental Yorkville, Toronto  
November 7 & 8, 2004 – “S.O. – What’s It All About?”, Pillar and Post Inn, Niagara-on-the-Lake  
November 18 & 19, 2004 – Phase 1 of “The New Supervisory Official Program”, Holiday Inn Select Bronte, Oakville  
January 26-28, 2005 – CEO/SBO Annual Conference, Hotel Inter-Continental Yorkville, Toronto  
April 13-15, 2005 – OPSOA Annual Conference, Hotel Inter-Continental Yorkville, Toronto

**CASA CONFERENCE OCTOBER 2004**



OPSOA and OCSOA are hosting the CASA Annual National Conference for 2004. The conference will be held in Niagara Falls at the Sheraton on the Falls & Brock Plaza Hotels on Saturday, October 16 – Monday, October 18. OPSOA Fall Regional Meetings will be held on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> and then OPSOA members will join with supervisory officers from across Canada for the large conference sessions. This is a great opportunity for Ontario leaders to share and learn with their colleagues across the country. Register early as space may be limited. Please refer to the Conference Registration Flyer included in this mailing. **Additional hotel rooms are available at the following hotels:** 1. **Clarion Hotel –6045 Stanley Ave.- Rates vary from \$119- \$199 plus taxes. Phone 1-800-263-2566 or 1-905-374-4142.** 2. **Courtyard by Marriott-5950 Victoria Ave.- Rates vary from \$79-\$179 plus taxes. Phone 1-800-771-1123 or 1-905-358-3083** 3. **Days Inn and Suites by the Falls- 5068 Centre St. – Rates start at \$101 plus taxes. Phone- 1-866-706-7666 or 1-905-357-2550** 4. **Inn by the Falls- 5525 Victoria Ave.- Rates start at \$89. Phone 1-800-263-2571 or 1-905- 374-6040** 5. **Travelodge Clifton Hill- 4934 Clifton Hill- Phone 1-800-668-8840 or 1-905-357-4330** 6. **Radisson Fallsview-Phone 1-877-FALLSVIEW or 1-905-356-1944**

**NEW FROM OPSOA**



The Mentoring Program, approved at the April Annual General Meeting in Toronto, has been advertised to Directors of Education who are asked to commit their boards to a shared program. As agreed, OPSOA will provide some funds for mentors and boards are asked to commit matching funds. We will establish a number of pilots this fall.

**Board of Directors  
 May/June 2004**

- Finalized OPSOA’s Submission to the College of Teachers on Governance
- Approved members for OPSOA Hospitality Committee at the CASA Annual Conference
- Confirmed Mentoring Program
- Developed program for Strategic Planning, 2004-2005
- Initiated discussions for AGM 2005
- Discussed ISA Grants
- Approved representatives for several committees
- Agreed to submit position on Adult Education review
- Approved development of PD Booklet for OPSOA members

**ALUMNI CORNER**



*The 2004 OPSOA Conference held April 1 and 2 focused on Celebrating Leadership – The Heart of Public Education. It was great to see 25 alumni members attending breakout sessions that covered an update on the work of the Alumni Committee; Myths of Aging by CARP; and a tourism presentation about Ireland. All delegates enjoyed Veronica Lacey’s keynote address about leadership in education along with a panel presentation by three corporate leaders who shared their thoughtful, corporate world view of public education. Alumni members were encouraged to watch for upcoming information about OSOnet and four alumni folders. There also is a proposal being discussed regarding an exciting new mentorship program that involves alumni members. Thanks to the OPSOA Board and conference committee for including alumni members to contribute to the conference program. We really enjoyed seeing our colleagues, networking at the President’s Reception and luncheon and celebrating OPSOA’s leadership within public education.*

**Well-Done!**

***On May 30th, OPSOA President Tony Tumminieri participated in and completed the Ottawa Marathon. He sets a new standard for OPSOA Presidents for speed and endurance. We look forward to his leadership this year!***



*Enjoy a Safe, Relaxing and Happy Summer!*