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Year in Review - 2015



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Our Colleagues Who Passed Away in 2015

They served their constituents, their Party and their Province



Eric Gordon Cunningham (April 14, 1949 – January 1, 2015) Liberal, Wentworth North 1975 – 1984

Wayne Wettlaufer (December 16, 1943 – June 21, 2015) Progressive Conservative, Kitchener Centre 1995 – 2003



Keith Brown (November 7, 1926 – July 7, 2015) Progressive Conservative, Peterborough 1959 – 1967

Robert TS Frankford (August 1, 1939 – August 1, 2015) New Democrat, Scarborough East 1990-1995



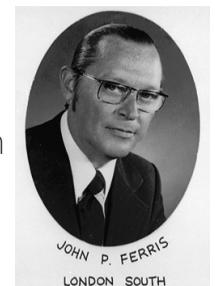
Joan Fawcett (April 19, 1937 – August 16, 2015) Liberal, Northumberland 1987-1995

Derwyn Shea (September 1, 1937 – August 15, 2015) Progressive Conservative High Park - Swansea 1995-1999



Hugh O'Neil (July 10, 1936 – September 14, 2015) Liberal, Quinte 1975-1995

John Ferris (January 29, 1933 - September 27, 2015) Liberal, London South 1975-1977



William Leo Jordan (December 29, 1929 – February 15, 2015) Progressive Conservative, Lanark – Renfrew 1990 - 1999



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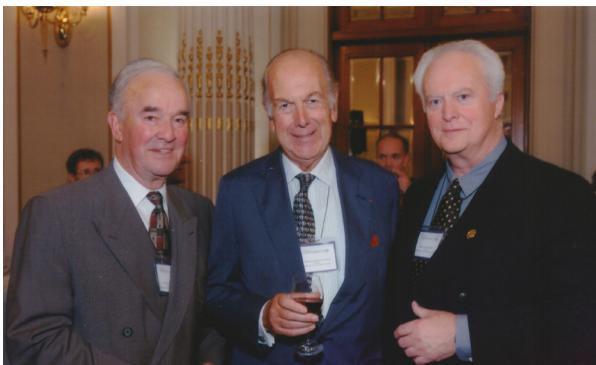
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The Ontario Association of Former Parliamentarians 15th Anniversary



This year is our 15th anniversary! Vision and commitment has made it possible to foster a non-partisan approach to achieving enhanced benefits for former Members of the Ontario Legislature and to become engaged in an educational effort, putting your experience and knowledge to good use.

With this in mind, our organization promises to continue to represent and promote your interests. As we celebrate our achievements over the years we look forward to brighter horizons. To those who had the vision to establish our organization we say "Thank You!" And, with the continued support of our membership we will accomplish much more.



Anniversaries in 2015

Ontario

- 400th anniversary of French explorer Samuel de Champlain's passage through Ontario.
- 100 years of 4 H Ontario
- 100th anniversary of the writing of In Flanders Fields and the Second Battle of Ypres. This iconic poem was written on May 3, 1915 by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae during the Second Battle of Ypres — the first time gas was used in modern warfare.

Canada

- Bicentennial of Sir John A. Macdonald's birth
- 50th Anniversary of the National Flag of Canada

World

- Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Nelson Mandela's Release from Prison, February 11, 1990
- Octocentennial of the Magna Carta, June 15, 1215
- Centennial of the Sinking of the Lusitania, May 7, 1915
- Bicentennial of the Battle of Waterloo, June 18, 1815
- Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the Battle of Britain, July 10, 1940 Anniversary of the world's first restaurant, France – 1765. Monsieur Boulanger opened the world's first restaurant near the Louvre in Paris. His aim was to sell customers 'restorative' dishes to improve their health. The term 'restaurant' comes from the French 'restorer', to restore.
- American Civil War ended 150 years ago
- The Lord of the Rings turns 60
- Cunard celebrates 175 years! It was back in 1840 that Samuel Cunard began operating the first scheduled UK–North America boat service, kick-starting the age of the ocean liner. The Britannia was the first ship to make the crossing, sailing from Liverpool on 4 July and arriving in Halifax Canada, 12 days later.
- Ketel One Distillery – Shiedam, Netherlands (premium vodka) celebrates 325th Anniversary
- Laphroaig Distillery - Isle of Islay, Scotland (single malt scotch) has its 200th Anniversary
- 50th Anniversary of America's First Craft Beer, Anchor Steam Beer, San Francisco
- 50th anniversary of Naramata Bench Wineries – Penticton area, British Columbia

The Life and Times of Rev. Canon Shea



It is difficult to try and distill, into a few paragraphs, the life and times of someone as noteworthy as our good friend and colleague, Rev. Canon Derwyn Shea. Not only was he someone who spent his entire adult life in service to others, but he was the driving force – in fact, the very original – behind the work that led to the formation of the Ontario Association of Former Parliamentarians and, until his passing, the Chair of our organization.

Derwyn, at his heart, was a pastor. At the start and the end of his working career, after service in the military, he earned increasingly senior roles within the Anglican Church, and, interspersed with his clerical career, he was a community leader who served in a long list of political roles.

His religious calling began in 1966 when he was ordained as an Anglican priest. His assignments took him to some very challenging locations in northern Saskatchewan, Algoma and, finally, back to Toronto. He was the first Canadian to receive a fellowship from the Academy of Parish Clergy and he received increasingly senior postings, first at St. Clement's parish, in Riverdale, and, lastly, at St. Hilda's. In his final post, he was also responsible for the management of a large home for the aged, and he demonstrated great managerial skills – as well as an ability to get governments, of all stripes, to open up their wallets to help the seniors in his care.

His passion for public service was also manifested in a political career starting with a ten year term, from 1972-1982, on the Toronto Planning Board, including four years as its Chair. In 1985, he was elected as the senior Alderman in Toronto's Ward 1 and he served in that role until 1994. As a Councillor, his favourite assignment was as the Chair of the Canadian National Exhibition, but he also served as the Chair of the O'Keefe Centre and on the Boards of the Toronto Hydro, Toronto General, Toronto Western, Princess Margaret and Runnymede Chronic Care, Variety Club, Eastview Neighbourhood Association and many other community groups.

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In 1995, Derwyn was elected as the MPP for High Park-Swansea, defeating the future Mayor of Toronto, David Miller. As an MPP, Derwyn served as Parliamentary Assistant first to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and then the Minister of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation. He was a tireless champion for a variety of causes, including the reform of municipal government and controlling the spread of gambling in the province.

One of his most fervent goals was actually realized one year after he retired from provincial politics. Derwyn had been deeply concerned by the circumstances of the death of another former MPP, Hans Daigeler, who committed suicide after losing in the 1995 election. Derwyn recognized that there were no supports for politicians who had difficulties adjusting back in the private sector. He believed that, regardless of party affiliation, the work of all MPP's should be respected and their experiences put to better use, after they left Queen's Park. Derwyn formed a group of MPP's and they crafted what became the Ontario Association of Former Parliamentarians Act, 2000 – the legislation that gave rise to our organization. It was only fitting that this Bill was the first Bill written by a committee, with unanimous support from the PC, Liberal and NDP members. He has left behind a vibrant and growing organization and one which has remained strictly non-partisan and truly committed to meeting the goals and objectives Derwyn laid out, seventeen years ago.

Through all his careers, Derwyn was devoted to his wife, Julia. Their annual Boxing Day open houses were legendary in the community and his one great indulgence was travelling the world, as a couple.

In his church, in his community, at Queen's Park and, quite literally, around the world, Derwyn made a profound contribution to the betterment of our society. A deeply caring and compassionate man who, even when fighting the cancer that ultimately claimed his life, never let up in his duties at St. Hilda's or within the OAFP. His support for the Anglican Church continued, even after his death, with bequests to the Diocese of Toronto to establish a fund for the assistance of parish clergy and to Wycliffe College to fund a chair of urban ministry in memory of his late wife.

Derwyn was a remarkable individual and the perfect shepherd for our Association in its first fifteen years. The connections he made, with other, similar, association of former Parliamentarians, around the world, has built the nucleus of a global confederation of former politicians. It was Derwyn's dream that being able to share ideas and ideals, around the world would, ultimately, contribute to the betterment of Parliamentary democracy. His spirit will live on in our Association and in all of us who were privileged to work with him.



Remarkable Women Parliamentarian Series Overview



Dianne Cunningham
MPP London North 1988-2003
Minister Responsible for Women's
Issues
Minister of Training, Colleges and
Universities
Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs



Barbara Sullivan
MPP Halton Centre 1987-1995
Parliamentary Assistant to the
Minister Responsible for Women's
Issues
Parliamentary Assistant to the
Minister of Labour



Ruth Grier
MPP Etobicoke-Lakeshore 1985-1995
Minister of Health
Minister of the Environment



Shirley Collins
MPP Wentworth East 1987-1990
Minister Without Portfolio
Parliamentary Assistant to the
Minister of Labour

Annual General Meeting 2015



What a delightful day! Yes, there were business items to attend to and they were dealt with smoothly, but once these important matters were out of the way we sashayed down the hall to the Vice Regal Suite where her Honour, Elizabeth Dowds, the Lieutenant Governor, graciously hosted us. A glass of wine in hand, an opportunity to appreciate the beautiful art which adorns the walls of the suite and of course being able to chat with former colleagues, many of whom we haven't seen for a long time, meant a meaningful moment.

On to social time in the Legislative Dining Room, to be followed by a four course gourmet dinner. Icing on the cake was Steve Paikin's presentation "Peaks and Valleys of Political Lives in Ontario".

This AGM, like the ones before, is much more than conducting the necessary business. It is a precious opportunity to meet up with our former colleagues, share memories of our time at the Pink Palace and enjoy a very special day.





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Christmas Social



Her Honour, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

By: Lauren Malyk, Senior Intern, O.A.F. P.

I remember feeling anxious making my way through Queen's Park to have tea with Her Honour, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. Before meeting Her Honour, I tried my best to think about what I wanted to ask her about.



When she did walk into the room, I remember being impressed with how poised she was.

On getting a chance to talk to her, I admired her knowledge and dedication to Ontario.

In her investiture she declared that she would not disclose a theme for her work. Instead, her theme would be that she would listen to Ontarians.

Looking back at what we talked about in our interview, I remember her referencing how important it was that she be the voice for Ontarians and their views—“The Province's Storyteller.”

At the end of our visit, I was presented with a bound book of art material inspired by the Great Lakes, called *Identity: Art Inspired by the Great Lakes*. On re-reading this material including Her Honour's foreword written by the Lieutenant Governor—she references the great stories and interpretations Ontario's Great Lakes hold.

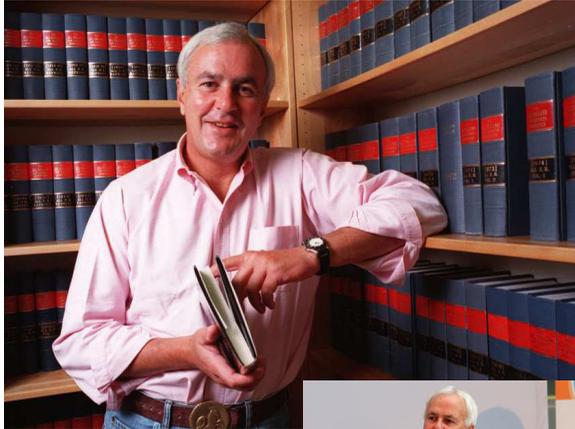
I feel honored to have gotten the opportunity to speak to her. She is proud of the people, the resources and the strength of our province. She holds a remarkable position and represents the best of what it means to be an Ontarian. She shares our story with the world.

“Ontario's future, like its past, is anchored firmly in the world. And the world is in Ontario. Just look around. One of our greatest strengths is the people that we have drawn from around the globe.”—Installation address on September 23rd, 2014.

Meet the Premiers: Hon. David Peterson

MPP (1975-1990)

Premier (1985-1990)



Above: Photo by Toronto Star.
Right: Peterson with Liberal MPP Robert Nixon in the Ontario legislature in 1985. Photo by Thomas Szlukovenyi/The Globe and Mail.



“My life is a series of accidents—serendipity,” says David Peterson, former Premier of Ontario, and the first Liberal to have taken the title in the province, in 1985, after 42 years of Conservative rule—no small achievement, and hardly something one could describe as merely accidental.

But when Peterson describes how he grew up in a political family, his career in the Ontario Legislature does indeed seem to be a serendipitous turn of fate.

Peterson’s father, Clarence, was a signatory of the Regina Manifesto and one of 13 children born in poverty in Saskatchewan. He left home at 13, during the Depression, his motivation in life becoming a driving force for his son.

“He ended up in Regina and the only support group he had was the YMCA. He was a young radical on the prairies and became a signatory with the founding party of the CCF,” says Peterson. “He was absolutely brilliant, even though he had no schooling. He came to Ontario after the war with nothing but \$50. He was very successful and never forgot his roots. He was involved in municipal politics, once against John Robarts, who ended up being a good friend of mine. John used to say my dad was the best he ever ran against.”

Peterson's active political involvement didn't begin until he returned from law school. He attended the University of Western Ontario at a time when most political leaders would come to the campus to speak, including Lester Pearson and Paul Martin.

Once the question was asked, it was hard for Peterson to say no: "I was working out at the YMCA in London on business, and a guy—a big shot in the party—said, 'Why don't you run?' So I decided I would, even though I didn't know anything about running."

That didn't cut his spirit short. In fact, it only added to the fire his father had started.

"I went out and we had the largest nomination to that date in the history of Ontario politics," Peterson says. "We had over 2000 people, and that was in 1975. I sold memberships to everybody who could walk. I got the nomination and ended up winning the seat. We won three seats in London but the provincial result was a minority government."

"Taking the Leadership in 1982 was like taking over a bankrupt company; there was no money, no policies," he says. "We had to put everything together—candidates, money, policies. I traveled the province and went to every little town and met every mayor and everyone that ran the province. That was a very strong learning curve."

Mulroney won in 1984 and when the election was called in 1985, Peterson could sense that the tide was turning: "We had nothing to lose. We had a very progressive campaign; it was good humour, good fun, but we didn't have a lot of money. The real competition was in who was going to gather the anti-government votes, and it turned out to be us."

Taking the Premier's chair in 1985 wasn't the least bit intimidating for David Peterson. In fact, he felt totally comfortable. "I wasn't wondering what I was going to do—I knew! I had sufficient confidence in our judgment. No one had any experience in government. It was the best cabinet ever assembled in the history of Ontario—Ian Scott, Bob Nixon, Sean Conway, Jimmy Bradley, etc.—you can go down the list, it was not much experience, but very capable people. We had some complex, difficult legislation led by a strong group of men and women."

Peterson's team accomplished a great deal in their run, most notably as the first government to amend the Human Rights Code to end discrimination based on sexual orientation; ahead of their time: "We had the moral position, and the NDP support even though the Catholic Church would come out and preach against us."



Left: Peterson with Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander and Queen Elizabeth after her official welcome to Ontario at Queen's Park in Toronto. Photo by Erik Christensen/The Globe and Mail. **Above:** Peterson with Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in 1987. Photo by The Globe and Mail.

But these milestones were hardly effortless, and although he was a confident leader, Peterson still experienced some major challenges.

“It’s the second biggest political job in the country and you carry everything. The heartbreak in politics is around your people, those who occasionally let you down,” he says. “You’re under enormous pressure all the time—not stress, because I wear that pretty well. The opposition is standing up and all they want to do is prove you’re dishonest or incompetent. But that’s the job and it’s the constant scrutiny that’s the hard part. Whatever you say, there are a number of people who will be watching to discredit you.”

And although he concedes that it isn’t a job for everybody, there is one particular qualifier he makes note of: “You’ve got to be a little nuts.”

To this day, it’s the cabinet alongside him that Peterson remains most proud of. “Number one, you look for confidence. Your best people are always obvious. You have to look at gender, cultural and geographic balance. It’s like a jigsaw puzzle; you put it altogether, move this piece, move that piece, does this person fit here?”

“There’s only one qualification in politics, that is to get elected, and it’s not about being the best person, it’s the luck of the draw; high risk, high reward,” he says. “You have to be the right person at the right time. You can be a really good candidate, but get swept out when the tide goes against your party. It doesn’t all depend on your abilities, but on some luck. The leaders are the guys who stick their necks out and are prepared to take a risk. Dalton McGuinty was fourth on the ballot. Kathleen Wynne was running a very tough race, defied all the odds, and is doing a great job.”

When asked which accomplishments have made him most proud over time, Peterson doesn't hesitate, with more than enough memorable moments to choose from.

"That period was one of the most progressive in the history of Ontario," he says, recalling his time in office. "We reformed everything from gay rights to freedom of information, and we were the first government to balance the budget in 14 years. We were very involved in the national debates. We created the teacher's pension plan. We did so much it was unbelievable, and in conjunction with the NDP. We forgot our extremes and worked together where we had things in common."

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When you lose, it's just you. You take the responsibility."*

David Peterson's memorable career started when he was elected as the Liberal Member of Provincial Parliament for London Centre in the 1975 provincial election. A year later, when he was just 31 years old, he ran against Stewart Smith for the Liberal Party Leadership, Bob Nixon having stepped down as Leader.

"I almost won—that was the tragedy," he recalls. "And then I hung around and I won the next time. You make a lot of friends and see a lot of Ontario. You get involved in a lot of issues and in people's lives."

What stood out for Peterson the most as an MPP was the connections he built, however momentary or long-lasting, with the countless people he met.

"In one of the speeches I made about gay rights, I said, 'If one of my children were gay, would I love them any less? No. Would I want them to be discriminated against? No. Would I want them to have a full life? Yes. And want the same for your children.'"

Since leaving politics in his rearview mirror, Peterson has remained actively involved in countless charitable organizations, and returned to law, as a senior partner and chairman of the Toronto law firm Cassels, Brock & Blackwell LLP, but the transition wasn't the smoothest.

"I was thrown out of office, so I had to decide if I was going to whine about it or do something else with my life," Peterson says, remembering when his political career had come to a close. "When you win, there are a lot of people around you. When you lose, it's just you. You take the responsibility. You don't sit there and say you saved the party after 42 years—the world moves on."

“My wife was an actress in a big television series and made more than I ever did in my whole life. So I looked after the kids while she was working. Then I started teaching at university, which I loved, and all sorts of nice things happened. Half of my life has been philanthropic since I got out of politics. I was Chairman of the Pan Am Games, totally as a volunteer; appointed Chancellor of the university and I’m the Chairman of the law firm. My life is very full.”

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Although he has stayed busy and remains successful in his post-political endeavors, and insists he doesn’t miss the lifestyle of a political career, Peterson shares that there is something about that world you can’t quite find anywhere else.

“I don’t want to live like that again, but it’s like asking if you miss the war. Most guys don’t miss shooting other people but there’s an intensity of experience and a proximity to the action that you’ll never duplicate,” he says, fondly. “Those friendships, the frenetic activity, the crisis nature of it and just the sheer fun of that were unique. When you’re Premier, you have the power to do an awful lot of good things. I enjoyed that part of it. I don’t miss going out every single night and day, kissing a million babies and putting up with all the baloney when people come up to you and say stupid things. That’s not wrong; this is a democracy, but I don’t have the patience I used to have.”

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When asked if he has any advice for those looking to enter politics, he says, with a hard-earned confidence, “Success and failure in politics and in life are fickle mistresses; they come and go. Never get too excited when you’re successful and don’t get too depressed when you’re not. You’ve got to have a centre of gravity through your life. We won the biggest majority in the history of the country, and I said to the Caucus, ‘Don’t get too excited. I won this one for you, and you’ve got to win the next one for me.’ Nothing lasts. The best thing I had was a fabulous family. Family lasts forever.”

Distinguished Service Award



There were hand-written notes, previously passed across the aisle several decades ago, being read aloud. There were humorous moments from shared political times, confessions of sorts and generally great friendly banter. This was our Award ceremony to honour our latest recipient, Stephen Lewis. As with our previous two grand occasions, the ceremony was a delightful mixture of serious tribute and humorous reminiscence.

Elie Martel, Darcy McKeough, Patrick Reed all drew on notes, events and quips. Premier Wynn stopped by, as did Interim P.C. Leader Jim Wilson and NDP House Leader Gilles Bisson, all of them bringing greetings.

Stephen's acceptance speech was one which paid tribute to those on both sides of the aisle with whom he served. The mixture of humour and wisdom rounded out a truly delightful occasion.

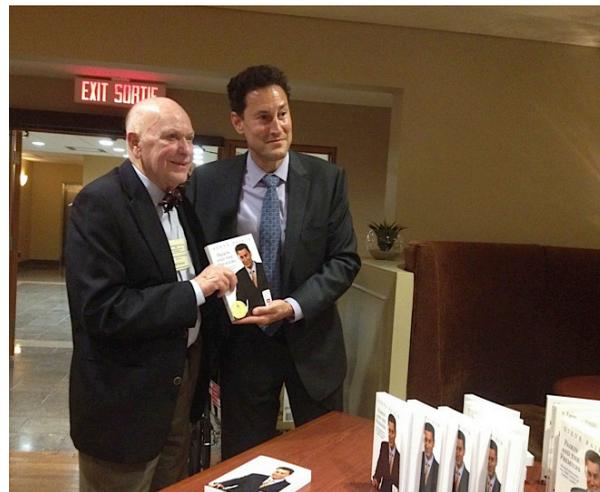
The DSA Committee will always have a difficult time in deciding on a recipient because there are so many people who served with honour and distinction. Their efforts, vision, commitment and determination have helped to create a better Ontario, a better Canada.



Report By the Chair

It was a year of celebration and sorrow.

This past year saw a number of highlights, including a splendid time honouring Stephen Lewis with our Distinguished Service Award, last fall. In recognizing one of our former colleagues, we also had an opportunity to reflect on how many remarkable women and men have served the people of Ontario and Canada with honour and distinction as MPPs. Her Honour, Elizabeth Dowdswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, graciously hosted a reception for our Association in the Royal Suite. She also became the first Lieutenant Governor to join us at our annual “pre-Christmas soiree”. Mr. TVO, Steve Paikin provided a lively and engaging speech at our AGM dinner. It was certainly one of the most entertaining annual gatherings, yet



On the other hand, the year was one of the most challenging in our fifteen year history. It was deeply sad to lose the man who founded our Association, Rev. Canon Derwyn Shea. It was Derwyn’s vision and commitment which inspired the creation of the Ontario Association of Former Parliamentarians. For 15 years, his determination to fashion a collegial approach meant we were successful in achieving benefits for former Members which otherwise might not have happened. Even when he was courageously fighting cancer, he never wavered from the vision of having an organization which could make a difference.



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Last fall, we were able to realize another one of Derwyn's goals. We launched the "Queen's Park to Campus" educational outreach program and, already, former MPPs have addressed almost 2,000 students, at universities across the GTA. Our goal, in the coming year, is to expand this program to include all universities and colleges across this province. We know there is so much more to do, but as we move forward we will remember the man who made it all possible.

Sadly, in addition to Derwyn Shea, eight other members passed away in 2015; Keith Brown, Eric Cunningham, Joan Fawcett, John Ferris, Bob Frankford, Leo Jordan, Hugh O'Neil, and Wayne Wettlaufer. So far, in 2016, we have lost two more members, Joan Smith and Charles Tatham.

John Parker, Murad Velshi and Gilles Morin, all founding members on the Board, retired. All three deserve a very special "Thank You" for their roles as Treasurer (Murad) and Vice Chair (Gilles) and Secretary (John). Terence Young, a long time Board member also retired. To all these colleagues, we are immensely grateful for the time and effort they expended on behalf of the Association. I was honoured to have been able to assume Derwyn's role, as Chair, and I was delighted that David Warner assumed my previous position as Vice-Chair.

A board of directors can achieve things, but only so long as the membership is supportive. To that end, we thank you the membership for your ongoing support. As we continue to do what we can to strengthen our parliamentary democracy we know that while there may be cloudy days, the sun will always shine!

Sincerely,

Steve Gilchrist
Chair



Finances



To date we remain in good shape financially. The Legislative Assembly has been very supportive, recognizing that our expanded programming has a cost implication. The Speaker's Office and the Clerk's Office have helped in ways that do not show up in a revenue column, especially when we have special events such as our Distinguished Service Award ceremony.

The support of you, the members, is a major part of our financial support. Membership fees are an integral part of our revenue. Approximately one-half of retired MPPs are members of O.A.F.P. We continue to reach out to those who have not yet signed up. Your encouragement of former colleagues to join is deeply appreciated.

Membership

Membership in the Ontario Association of Former Parliamentarians is an up and down situation. Our paid membership usually hovers between 140 – 200. Thanks to our Chair, Steve Gilchrist, we have a data base of 414 members.

All of our members are listed on our website and it has actually resulted in some job offers to certain members.

Any of our members who reach the age of 80 are automatically placed in our Honourary category and no longer pay membership dues. We have 30 Honourary Members.

We also have a Cornerstone category for those who wish to pay for a lifetime membership. As of 2015 we had 31 Cornerstone members, who receive reductions in dinner tickets and event costs.

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Our total membership in 2015 was 148.

After an election we reach out to defeated MPPs and MPPs who retired, inviting them to join our Association; after all we are the group that looks after the future of their past.



We herald their achievements, we monitor benefits and retirement packages on their behalf with the Human Resources Department, we arrange for the Lieutenant Governor to host them before our annual meeting dinner and we make sure that they feel welcome and comfortable when returning to the Legislature. We also arrange for flag lowering on the death of one of our members, and new this year members who pass away are honoured in the Legislature and their families are hosted at a gathering following the event.

Each year we hold a Christmas Soiree (70 in attendance last year) and a dinner or lunch following our Annual Meeting in May or June. It is always pleasant to see our members visit and get re-acquainted during one of our socials, as well as discuss issues with sitting members who also attend our gatherings.

Yes, membership in the OAFP is worthwhile and we look forward to seeing our membership numbers increase.

Respectfully Submitted
Karen Haslam, Former Membership Chair
OAFP Board of Directors.



The InFormer

The year 2015 was truly an interesting one for your editorial team as we attempted to provide some “inside stories” as well as sharing information about what all of us former Members are doing.



It truly is a team approach to producing our quarterly publication. There are two talented Interns who conduct most of the interviews, proofread the material, take photos and do the layout. To date every Intern has been able to springboard from “The InFormer” to full-time employment in the media world. During 2015 a very talented Sadaf Ahsan joined us. She has now moved on to The National Post. Our other Intern, Lauren Malyk, quickly demonstrated that she is highly skilled and has become Senior Intern. The new Junior Intern is Ramisha Farooq. The critical task of proofreading is ably assisted by an eagle-eye trio of Lily Oddie, Steve Gilchrist and Mobina Bhimani.

We started a series called “Meet the Premiers”. There really are only seven people who can tell you what it is like to be the Premier of Canada’s largest province. Not surprisingly, Bill Davis, David Peterson, Dalton McGuinty and Bob Rae were not just receptive to being interviewed but were eager to be helpful in our effort to gain some insight into what it means to be Premier.

As Lauren and I sat in the Vice-Regal Suite of Her Honour, Elizabeth Dowdsell, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, to conduct a personal interview, it occurred to me that we are most fortunate to live in a society where officials are so available and welcoming. The conversation with Her Honour provided insight into how our current Lieutenant Governor will serve our Province.

Our series “Remarkable Women Parliamentarians” continues to examine the challenges that many women face when choosing a political life and as well highlights the many achievements.

We are trying, through our series “The Back Story” to take a look at those members who served one or two terms. What did they do before arriving at the Pink Palace and what have they done since. There are no shortage of fascinating stories! Some of our colleagues are writers. One of the great pleasures of being editor is the opportunity to review a book written by a former MPP, and this past year provided me with two such opportunities, “Shameless” by Marilyn Churley and “Making A Difference” by Dalton McGuinty.

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One gap which seems a bit of a challenge to fill is “Beyond the Pink Palace”; our bulletin board designed to let you know what each other is doing, special moments in our lives. The gap exists because we are truly dependent on our readers taking time from their busy lives to email us with the personal information which helps create the personal bonds.

The editorial team, while being pleased with the quarterly publications of 2015, is focused on creating something even better; the Year in Review – 2015, being but one example.



Former Members as Authors

Many former Members of Provincial Parliament are accomplished writers. This list does not include academic papers, editing, newspaper columns, periodicals, magazines etc. As but one example of a former MPP who is doing a variety of writing, I am showcasing Jim Foulds (MPP, New Democrat, Port Arthur 1971-87)

I write both fiction and non-fiction and occasionally poetry. I have won several prizes in the Northwestern Ontario Writers Workshop Annual Writing Contest in the past 18 years. Several short stories have been published in Northwestern Ontario Magazines. Additionally, I am a regular columnist for Thunder Bay Seniors Newspaper "the Personal the Political and the Public". From 1988 to 1996 I wrote and broadcast regular column on CBQ (CBC's Northwestern Ontario Regional Radio Station) Published material has appeared in Education Forum. There are occasional oped pieces in Toronto Star, and a Lives Lived column in The Globe and Mail. I also won the George B. MacGillvray Award in 2015 given out by the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society for the best popular history article written in Northern Ontario, on "How The Northern Ontario Health Travel Grant Came to Ontario."

Peter Adams

"Finding Champlain's Dream: Champlain, First Nations and French Culture in Peterborough and the Kawarthas / Découvrir le Rêve de Champlain: Champlain, les Premières Nations et la Culture Françaises à Peterborough et les Kawarthas"

"Peterborough Successes: community organization in Peterborough in the 1970s and 1980s"

"Peterborough and the Kawarthas"

"Geography at Trent: the First Forty Years"

"Trent, McGill and the North: a Study of Canada's Growth as a Sovereign Polar Nation"

"Canada and Polar Science/Le Canada et la Science Polaire"

"Canada's Subarctic Universities/Les universités canadiennes du moyen nord"

"Education, Research, Information Systems and the North"

Richard Allen

"The Social Passion: Religion and Social Reform in Canada, 1914-1928" (1972-- later re-issued as 'A modern classic')

"Sun Bright and Well-Beloved: Three Hundred Years of a North American Family and their Farther Past"

"The View from Murney Tower: Salem Bland, the Late Victorian Controversies, and the Search for a New Christianity"

Also edited two substantial works,
"A Region of the Mind: Interpreting the Western Canadian Plains"
"The Social Gospel in Canada"
 and two shorter ones:
"Religion and Society in the Prairie West"
"Man and Nature on the Prairies"

Boyer, Robert James
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"A good town grew up here. Bracebridge, Ontario"
"Bracebridge around 1930 : youthful memories of Muskoka's district town, 2001"

Michael Bryant

"28 Seconds: A True Story of Addiction, Tragedy, and Hope"

Marilyn Churley

*"Shameless: The Fight for Adoption Disclosure and the Search for My Son"**

Cheever, S.Q. (Pseudonym for Shafiq Qaadri)

"Bio-Jihad and the pleasure-5 surgery" Self-published, 2013.

Drury, Ernest Charles

"All for a beaver hat : a history of early Simcoe County"

Alan Eagleson

"Power play : the memoirs of hockey czar Alan Eagleson" assisted by Scott Young

Ferguson, George V.

"How we govern ourselves"
"Pleasant Point story : a history of Pleasant Point"

Frost, Leslie M.

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"Fighting men"
*"The wartime letters of Leslie and Cecil Frost,
1915-1973"*

Charles Godfrey

*"The cholera epidemics in upper canada, 1832-
1866"*
"Bruce : surgeon, soldier, statesman, sonofa"
"Aikins of the U of T Medical Faculty"
"John Rolph : rebel with causes"
"Medicine for Ontario"
"People or Planes"
"Ending Back Attacks"
"Exercises for Seniors"

Gomme, George E.

*"Four roads : the life of George E. Gomme.
Burnstown, Ontario : General Store"*

Kennedy, Thomas Laird.

"Tom Kennedy's story"

Patrick Lawlor

"The psychotic personality of our time"

Stephen Lewis

"Race against time"

Donald C. McDonald

"The happy warrior: Political memoirs"

Dalton McGuinty

*"Making a Difference"**

Roy McMurtry

"Memoirs and Reflections"

Darcy McKeough

"Duke of Kent"

Milloy, John C.

*"The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, 1948-
1957 : community or alliance?"*

Tim Murphy

Co-author/editor of *"Construction Law in Cana-
da"*

Bob Nixon

Bob Nixon: *"Parade on an empty street"* (self
published)

Bob Rae

"From Protest to Power: Personal Reflections on a Life in Politics"
*"What's Happened to Politics?"**
"Exporting Democracy: The Risks and Rewards of Pursuing a Good Idea"
"Doing the Continental: A New Canadian-American Relationship" [co-author with David Dymment]
"The Three Questions: Prosperity and the Public Good"
"Canada in the Balance"
"Reflections on Canadian Politics"
"Prosperite et bien commun" (French)

Root, John Henry Haines

"Memoirs from 1908 to 1982 of John Henry Haines Root" .

Ross, Sir George William.

"Patriotic recitations and Arbor day exercises"
"The school system of Ontario, Canada : its history & distinctive features"
"Getting into Parliament and after"
"The Senate of Canada : its constitution, powers and duties historically considered"

Tony Ruprecht

"Toronto's Many Faces"
"Radiant Health & Longevity"
"Healing the Body by Healing the Mind"
"Linking Medicine to Spirituality and Healing"

Shulman, Morton.

"Anyone can make a million"
"The billion dollar windfall."
"Member of the Legislature"
"How to invest your money and profit from inflation" *"How to invest your money and profit from inflation. (Rev. ed.)"*
"Can't somebody shut him up?"

Greg Sorbara

*"The Battlefield of Ontario Politics: An Autobiography"**



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Jim Snow

“James Snow: An Autobiography” (self published)

Tsubouchi, David.

“Gambatte : generations of perseverance and politics, a memoir”

Terence Young

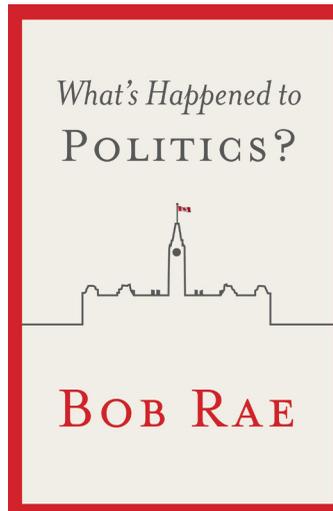
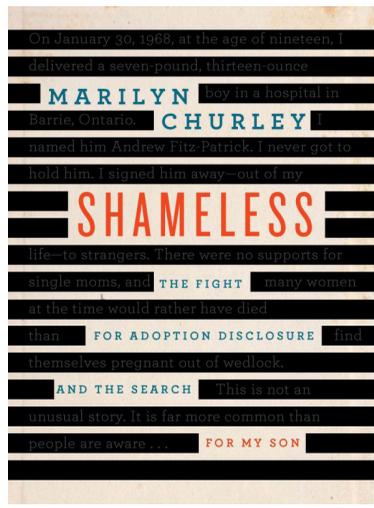
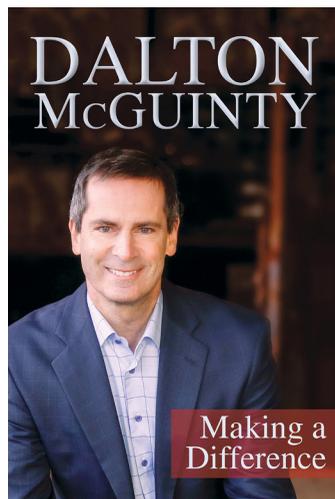
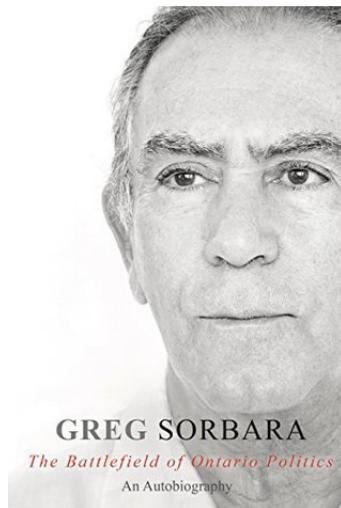
“Death by Prescription”

Gord Walker

“A Conservative Canada”

Editor’s Note: The Legislative Library as a matter of routine purchase books written by former M P P’s.

Authors Featured in the InFormer



Order of Canada Recipients for 2015

Companions of the Order of Canada

The Honourable Robert Keith Rae
MPP (1982-1996)

The Honourable Bob Rae served as Premier of Ontario from 1990 to 1995. He has also taken on numerous positions as a Critic and been elected ten times both provincially and federally.

Members of the Order of Canada

Jean-Marc Lalonde
MPP (1995-2011)

Lalonde has been a Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Economic Development and Trade, the Minister of Small Business and Entrepreneurship and the Minister of Health Promotion and Sport.

Members of the Order of Canada 2014

Jim Gordon
MPP (1981-1987)

He was previously the Minister of Government Services and Mayor Sudbury, Ontario.

Order of Ontario

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Mary Anne Chambers
MPP (2003-2007)

She was previously an MPP for Scarborough East, Minister of Children and Youth Services and Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities.

Order of Ontario Recipients 2014

Robert Nixon
MPP (1962-1991)

Nixon was former Minister of Finance and Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party.

Lyn McLeod
MPP (1987-2003)

She served as the Minister of Energy, the Minister of Natural Resources and the Minister of Colleges and Universities.

Queen's Park to Campus Future Directions

"I enjoyed the experience very much. The students are smart, well-informed and participated with enthusiasm and respect. They clearly have a good grasp on the challenges facing political decision-makers and offered diverse and interesting suggestions and ideas. I hope they enjoyed the experience as much as I did!"

- Marilyn Mushinski



As you can see, our members have reported back on their experiences in addressing political studies students at some of the universities which OAFP have engaged. Still we have a number of universities which need to be involved in the next academic year and for that we need great member involvement for that challenge. I also want to express my profound appreciation to those Members who have been involved for this year: **Dave Boushy, Mike Breagh, Marilyn Churley, Sean Conway, Caroline Di Cocco, John Gerretsen, Steve Gilchrist, Phil Gillies, Dr. Charles Godfrey, John Hastings, Colin Isaacs, Giorgio Mammoliti, Marilyn Mushinski, John Parker, Mario Rocco, Joyce Savoline, Barbara Sullivan, David Warner** – in total these former MPPs reached over 1,100 students.

We have some ambitious plans to conduct outreach with our community colleges, 23 in total, covering a diverse and wide-ranging set of learning programs from justice studies to employment law, business development to technology, science to social programming and the environment, all of which are reflected in public policy development and the overall democratic process. And, who better to provide a first-hand perspective that our Members for those students who truly lack a great learning opportunity since there is no specific political studies or public policy program presence in community colleges?





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In the immediate term, we also plan to reach out to high school students who have to take a civics course without much enthusiasm or energy which I have witnessed personally. In that context, we as Members have an unparalleled opportunity to bring our personal insights and experiences to these learners and to introduce a sense of excitement and energy to these civics programs not only in the public education system but to the whole variety of independent private school students as well.

Thus, I challenge you to step up and help out when OAFP revives these invitations to speak. We also need to have more volunteers to join the Education Committee in coordinating speaking opportunities for all levels of educational forums---from secondary schools to post-secondary organizations. The strength and future success of OAFP in the educational field is up to our members really getting involved. This is an opportunity to achieve something important while having a good time! I appeal to the better angel in all of you as we move forward.

Yours in service,

John Hastings
Chair, OAFP Education Committee

April, 2016





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The Ontario Association of Former Parliamentarians

Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, June 1,
2016

Our Lunch speaker will be

Terry Fallis

*“An Unorthodox Journey to the
Published Land”*

Terry Fallis is the award-winning author of five national bestselling novels, including his latest, *Poles Apart*, all published by McClelland & Stewart. *The Best Laid Plans* was the winner of the Leacock Medal for Humour in 2008, and CBC’s Canada Reads in 2011.

10:30 a.m. Rooms 228 and 230, as well as the hallway now showcase Ontario First Nations art. The curator, Ms. Haley Shanoff, will provide us with the history of these beautiful works of art. This will be a unique opportunity for our members and their guests. There will be time for coffee and cookies.

11:00 a.m.	business meeting	room 230
12:00 – 1:15	lunch	room 228
1:15 – 2:15	Terry Fallis	room 228
2:15 – 4:00	complimentary wine and beer	room 228

Cost for our 4 course gourmet presentation:

Cornerstone Members and guest	\$25.00 per person
Members and guest	\$35.00 per person
Non-Members and guest	\$45.00 per person

The agenda and the proposed changes to our by-law will be sent later.

You can now make reservations for lunch!
Call 416-325-4647 or email oafp@ontla.ola.org

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