



# Summer 2019



The *InFormer*





Dear all Former Members, especially recent joiners of our special group of Parliamentarians.

Our office is located at the Whitney Block, in room 1612. It is a good place to stop by, have coffee and put your feet up for a while.

Office hours: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday to Friday.



**COMFORTABLE FURNITURE & FRESH COFFEE.**

Give us a call first, 416-325-4647 just to make sure someone will be around to greet you.



# **InFormer | Summer 2019**

## **NOTICE**

- Pg.4                      Special Events: AGM & DSA  
                                 Interview Dr. Bette Stephenson

## **INTERVIEWS**

- Pg.5 to 8                Margaret Marland  
Pg.9 to 13              Sophie Kiwala  
Pg.14 to 16             Wayne Lessard  
Pg.17 to 22             Louise Lebeau

## **JUST IN**

- Pg.23                    OAFP YouTube account

## **FEATURE**

- Pg.24 to 26            Two Interns Explore Queen's Park

## **YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!**

- Pg.27                    FAQ about your Travel Insurance  
                                 A Special Birthday Announcement

## **OBITUARIES**

- Pg.28 to 29             Julia Munro  
Pg.30 to 31             Hugh Edighoffer  
Pg.32 to 33             Dr. Harry Parrott  
Pg.34 to 35             David Caplan

## NOTICE

# **A Special Day in the Life of the Ontario Association of Former Parliamentarians**

**Monday, October 28th, 2019**

**Annual General Meeting (AGM)  
and  
Distinguished Service Award Ceremony (DSA)**

**This year's recipient of our DSA is:**

**Dr. Bette M. Stephenson (MPP 1975-87)**

**Details about this important day will be sent out later.**

### **Dr. Bette Stephenson**

Dr. Bette Stephenson broke down many gender barriers during her 12-year tenure in Ontario's Parliament. She was the first woman to serve as Minister of Labour, Minister of Education, Minister of Colleges and Universities, as well as Chair of the Management Board, Treasurer, and Deputy Premier.

In addition to her political career, Dr. Stephenson practiced medicine for over 40 years. She is the recipient of both the Order of Canada (1992) and the Order of Ontario (1999).

“A pioneer and role model for women, Dr. Bette Stephenson has had an outstanding career in the field of Canadian medicine, academics and politics. Dr. Stephenson is most notably recognized by her series of 'firsts' as a woman in positions and offices traditionally held by men. She has successfully contributed to putting the practice of family medicine on the international medical map and, in turn, inspired countless women to pursue careers in medicine.”

--Canadian Medical Hall of Fame

**NEXT UP: INTERVIEWS**



## Profile: Margaret Marland

Article by David Warner and Margaret Marland



**“I just made it happen because I believed, and I still do, that there is a solution for everything. We just have to find it.”**

--Margaret Marland

Margaret Marland's 39 years of public service includes being a Peel District School Board Trustee (four years) and City of Mississauga Councillor (11 years), prior to being an MPP. Margaret vigorously represented the constituents of Mississauga South from 1985 until 2003. Of her many achievements, the one she finds personally most significant was having her Private Members' Bill regarding impaired driving become a government bill. It was passed with the support of all three parties.

Margaret was appointed to Cabinet as the First Minister responsible for children in Ontario, a first for Canada. As Minister, Margaret appointed the Honourable Margaret Norrie McCain and Dr. J. Fraser Mustard as co-chairs of the Early Years Committee, who together produced the Early Years Study. This resulted in the construction of Early Years Centres.

Margaret Marland's entry into politics evolved from her personal experiences and her compassion for people. Margaret and Ken suffered the tragic loss of Jane, their first child, who passed away in 1960 from Leukemia when she was barely two years old. Margaret was deeply affected by Jane's death to a point where she became determined to get involved in her community; establishing the first bereaved parents' group in Mississauga. From then on, whenever she heard of someone's difficulty or struggle, she would (and still does) help in any way possible.

"Hearing 'No' is always the spark that challenges me to find a solution. I am always willing to go the extra mile to resolve it." Margaret's dedication and sincerity in her work and personal life are reflected in her many accomplishments and actions.

Margaret's family, her parents and two older brothers, immigrated to Canada from England in 1930. Margaret was born in St. Catharines in 1934. In 1939, her family returned to England for a visit. While there, WWII was declared and they were unable to return to Canada. Margaret's father enlisted, serving in the Royal Navy until he passed away in February of 1945 from a heart attack while his ship was bombed patrolling the English Channel. Margaret's mother was left with four children to raise. The family remained in England until 1952 when they travelled back to Canada. Margaret developed an interest in people during the sea voyage to Canada after having met a group of young travellers from Norway.

Margaret's family settled in Toronto where she trained to be a dental assistant. This was because in the early days of T. C. A. (Trans Canada Airlines) the stew-



ardesses, as they were called then, had to be Registered Nurses. A change of policy allowed for non-RNs to be hired and provided Margaret the opportunity she had been waiting for. She became a stewardess with T.C.A., and ironically, the first pilot she flew with was Capt. Dick Welsh, the brother-in-law of Ken Marland. Margaret's love of flying ultimately resulted in a wedding. Ken and Margaret have been happily married for 62 years.

Margaret's opportunity to learn to fly came in 1971. Margaret recalls, "I wanted to learn during the winter because the air is calmer. The ground being frozen meant few updrafts. I also wanted to learn over water. If you learn to fly over water you won't be afraid of landing or taking off over water. So, I took lessons at the Toronto Island Flying School."



CF 101 VOODOO AT THE 1962 AIR PAGEANT IN BAGOTVILLE, QUEBEC, CANADA.

An accomplished pilot, Margaret participated in three trans-continental air rallies; including Prince Edward Island to British Columbia, Toronto to Florida, and Florida to California. Always pushing boundaries, Margaret organized weekend teaching sessions at Ontario Community Colleges on high altitude flying. It was because of those classes that a very impressed instructor extended an invitation for Margaret to visit Canadian Forces Base Trenton. “Had I known that my visit to Trenton would include flying in a CF101 Voodoo fighter jet I would have worn something other than a dress and high heels. They found a flight suit and spare boots for me, which I was allowed to keep as a souvenir.”

Margaret also organized the First International Conference of the Ninety-Nines: International Organization of Women Pilots in Toronto, which had 4000 attendees. She continues to be active in her community, sitting on the Mississauga Seniors’ Council and The Ontario Association of Former Parliamentarians. She also enjoys spending time with her family, including seven grandchildren, and joking with her husband Ken.



---

"I have fond memories of when our Board's Agencies and Commissions Committee was traveling and Margaret Marland on occasion was our pilot."

--David Warner



## Profile: **Sophie Kiwala**

Article by David Warner



**“I struggled financially as a single mother, but living through that experience developed a well-honed ability to be empathetic to those who didn’t have a voice. I had no idea how practical those skills would be when called upon to advocate for others.”**

--Sophie Kiwala

Sophie Kiwala was a young, single mother living in Toronto when her 3-year-old daughter needed medical attention at Toronto's Sick Kids Hospital. Sophie remembered passing Queen’s Park for the first time on the way to the hospital. “I remember seeing that magnificent building and wondering about the people who worked there and the political world that they inhabited. A world in which the healthcare of my daughter was so dependent on in those critical days. I also recall thinking that my life would never be anything remotely similar to anyone who worked in that building.”

The path for Sophie from Toronto to Kingston was a circuitous one. The first stop was Ankara, Turkey. Then she would spend two and a half years at a small fishing village in Turkey on the Aegean Sea called Foca. After, she resided in France for the same amount of time. Sophie came to Toronto and returned to Kingston when her mother was diagnosed with cancer a couple of years later. For Sophie, it wasn't a question whether she would move back home to look after her mother. She did so while caring for her 3-year-old and 18-month-old daughters.

### Life in Turkey

“Living in Turkey for two and half years was an incredible experience. My family and I were warmly welcomed and made to feel very much at home. We attended cultural events and celebrations in people’s homes, made numerous friends, and travelled across the country many times. We were able to show family and friends the wealth of history and culture that surrounded us.”

### Challenges living in Turkey

“While living in Ankara, a bomb went off at the building next to ours about two minutes after my daughter and I walked past that very spot. We had to walk through the debris not too long afterward, and I recall thinking about the fragility of life. The experience left me appreciating every moment of life, while also being vigilant about my surroundings,” said Sophie. “My daughter and I encountered challenges as foreign women. My daughter was stalked for over a year by a young man while in Ankara. We lived there between the two Gulf Wars as the Turks desperately worked to rebuild their tourism industry. Thankfully, the local authorities were attuned to the security of foreigners and took my complaints seriously.”



## Political Life in Kingston

Hard work and perseverance paid off in Kingston. Following her mother's passing, Sophie returned to Queen's University to study politics. During that time, a position became available in the constituency office of the Hon. Peter Milliken, Speaker of the House of Commons. Sophie seized this opportunity and within a year rose to become his Constituency Office Manager. Following the election of Ted Hsu who succeeded Peter Milliken, Sophie remained in the office, becoming the Chief of Staff. Sophie juggled her new political responsibilities while raising her two daughters. During the run-up to the 2014 provincial election, she was approached about running.

"While my life's philosophy has always been that the greatest gift that you can leave behind is to improve the life of another person, I had never thought about running for office," she said. "In the end, after being asked by a number of people to run, I felt it was an exceptional opportunity and decided to enter the race". It was that work ethic, grit and determination that led to her successful election.

## Life at Queen's Park

In the short span of four years Sophie held three Parliamentary Assistant posts, two of them at the same time, as well as being on four committees. She was the chair of a Cabinet Committee and a member of numerous advocacy committees. Naturally, I wanted to know how she managed the heavy workload.

"I was driven to improve people's lives and was determined to use every moment that I had to make that difference," said Sophie. "I believe that that is what the true essence of politics is all about. Government absolutely does have a role in making that difference."

While Sophie was the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, she took great pleasure in the grassroots work that she was able to accomplish. She personally reached out to almost all 46 Indigenous libraries in remote areas to find out what was happening in their world.

“There is no replacement for direct and personal conversations in order to establish how best to help people,” she said.

I asked Sophie, based on her experience of working on the issue of Indigenous relations and reconciliation, what she felt were the biggest challenges in addressing the injustices which Indigenous Peoples have suffered.

“A lot of good work had been done by both the provincial and federal governments, but it was not communicated effectively. The public needs to know more about the challenges of Indigenous people and why colonialism continues to have such a detrimental effect so that reconciliation can truly occur in the hearts and minds of Canadians, said Sophie. “Only then can we come together to reconcile and heal. We need to work cooperatively with the federal government to ensure that Indigenous Peoples are supported and their cultural practices and customs are respected and celebrated. We must collectively change the Indigenous conversation in our history.”

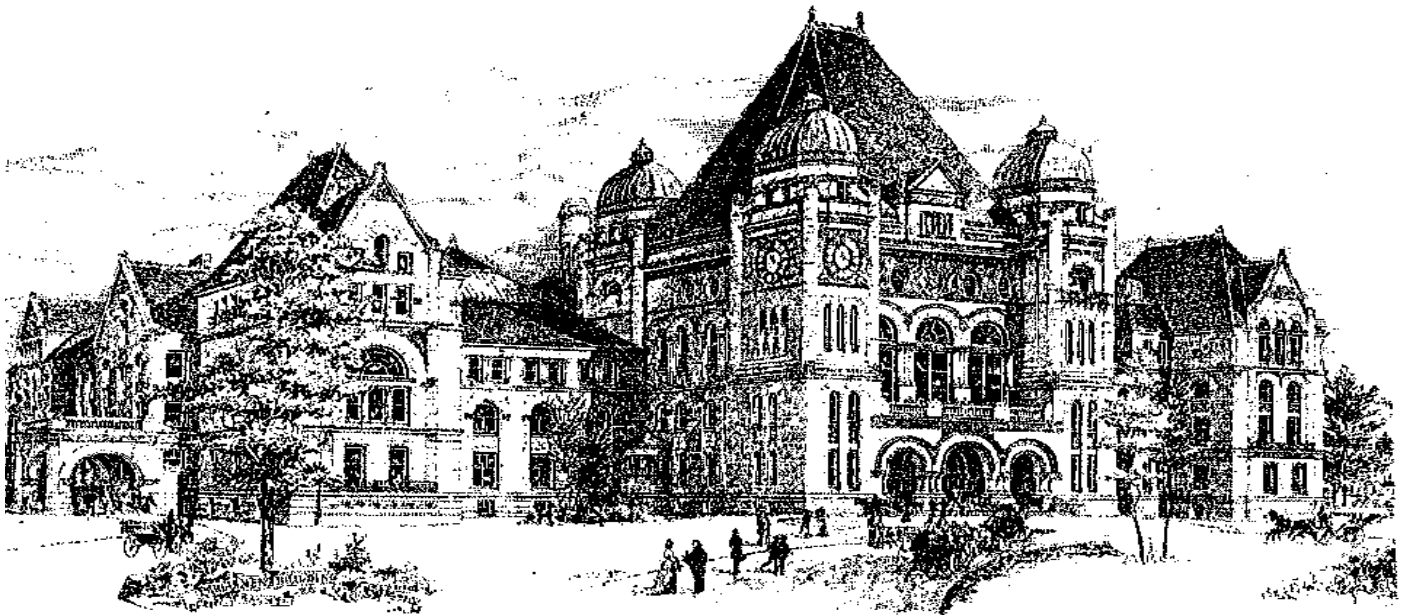
### A Return to Queen's Park

I asked Sophie, “Since you lost in 2018, are you interested in running again? And if so, why?”

“I haven't lost the motivation which I had to run in the first place. My passion for this work is rooted in building cohesive, supportive and compassionate communities. Those needs haven't gone away. I want to help people not only succeed but to prosper in their daily lives. I haven't forgotten where I came from, and the

honour that it is to serve the public. So, I am certainly not ruling it out.” she said with a smile.

Facing the challenges of being a single mom with an unquenchable desire to improve the lives of others; Sophie seized every opportunity that led her to become a privileged worker in that “magnificent building”.



The Parliament of Ontario

---

Bill 65, passed on May 10, 2000 during the 37th session, founded the Ontario Association of Former Parliamentarians. It was the first Bill in Ontario's history to be introduced by a Legislative Committee.



## Profile: **Wayne Lassard**

Article by David Warner



**“Whatever you’re doing, try to make the world a better place.”**

--Wayne Lassard

Whether he is cycling to raise money for the MS Society, planting trees or being involved in local community projects, Wayne Lassard puts community service ahead of everything else; aside from family. Wayne put aside a successful law practice to enter the political arena in 1990.

**David:** What made you decide to run?

**Wayne:** “Two veteran New Democrats, Joe Comartin and Dave Cooke asked me to run. I finally decided, why not. Perhaps the experience would enhance my law career.”

Wayne Lassard was successful in the 1990 general election and was given the responsibility of being Parliamentary Assistant to Peter Kormos, Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations. The first major item to handle was legis-

lation for public auto insurance, a scheme which never came to fruition.

**David:** What was the most rewarding part of your political career?

**Wayne:** “I thought for a while that I was in over my head. It was a frustrating time. Later, however, I was Parliamentary Assistant to Richard Allen, Minister of Colleges and Universities, which was a rewarding experience. The most rewarding was being Parliamentary Assistant to Bud Wildman when we brought in the Environmental Bill of Rights. My role in that is something about which I am very proud.”

**David:** What were the greatest challenges of being a Member of Provincial Parliament?

**Wayne:** “Being away from family often is difficult. In 1992, we had our first child. My wife was on maternity leave, which was good, but I didn't get to be with our baby very much. Very frustrating. I quickly learned that everyone's personal issues are the most important to them. You get pulled in all directions. These were very difficult economic times and the community was hurting. So, I felt that hurt.”

**David:** Why, after losing the 1995 election, did you decide to run again?

**Wayne:** “I enjoyed my time in government, so when Dave Cooke announced he was retiring, I decided to run. Redistribution meant that a significant portion of the new Riding was my former Riding, giving me an advantage.”

Wayne Lessard's defeat in 1999 sent him back to his community roots, being on the board of a local credit union, being on the board of the East Side Riders cycling club, and working with local councillors to fix the deterioration of downtown Windsor. With more free time, Wayne took his cycling passion to a higher level by volunteering to raise money for the MS Society. To this day he participates, along with about 2,000 riders, in the annual 150 km trek from Grand Bend to London.

“As a bonus, I get to visit my friend and former colleague Paul Klopp during this two day event, and stay overnight at his farm. It provides us a good chance to catch up. I love cycling and this is a great cause. The cause allows for research progress to be made,” said Wayne.

### Reflections on being a Member of Provincial Parliament

“Despite the serious economic challenges, I enjoyed being elected. It was an opportunity to accomplish things for my constituents and my community. Helping create Windsor's first casino was important and being able to introduce the Environmental Bill of Rights was a proud moment. I also enjoyed being in Toronto. I would bring my son to the city once in a while. [My son] liked Toronto so much that later he took Engineering at U of T, and graduated. He now works and lives in Toronto," said Lassard.





## Profile: Louise Lebeau

Article by Victoria Esterhammer

### Justice Strategies: Women Should Vote

**An interview with the producer, Louise Lebeau, about her short documentary featuring the history of how women won the franchise in Ontario**



Exceptional talent (pictured above) soon to be retiring from Queen's Park.

(Photograph by Victoria Esterhammer)

After viewing “Women Should Vote”, the first documentary produced by the Ontario Legislature, I sat down with the producer/director of this excellent documentary, Louise Lebeau. I quickly realized that while she is very talented, she is also modest and unassuming. I started by asking about her background.

“I graduated from the Sheridan College, produced two independent films and then proceeded to work at CBC News. I worked in live television at CBC, as a broadcast technician working for the local and national newscast. After that I worked for the Film Arts, a post production film editing facility, and it was there I gained further experience working in documentaries,” she said. “But for most of my career, more than thirty years now, I’ve been at Queen’s Park as a broadcast television operator. Today, I am the senior broadcast director for the

live broadcasts of the Ontario Legislative proceedings. If you've ever watched the Provincial Parliamentary channel's Question Period, I'm the one calling the shots behind the scenes. Over the years I've produced and edited historical and educational programs for the Ontario Legislature," said Louise.

**Victoria:** What was your motivation behind creating "Women Should Vote"?

**Louise:** "Everything aligned in 2017. It was the 100th anniversary of women getting to vote. That year, some of the MPPs supported Marie-France Lalonde's Private Member's Bill to erect two statues of the first women elected to Ontario. That was a topic of discussion in the House at that time."

Every once in a while, she said, France Gelinis would stand in the house and say, "this Building is filled with men. Where are the images of women? There is no evidence of our past." So, when the director of the Broadcast Recording Services approached Lebeau and asked if he could assist her with any projects before his retirement she knew what she wanted.

"I've been here at Queen's Park for 32 years, so I've watched the women MPPs over the years and have always wanted to do a tribute for them," said Louise. She asked the director for help in telling the story of how women got the vote. At first, this meant initiating a project which involved interviewing women MPPs about how they feel being at the Legislature.

Currently women have more seats in the Parliament than ever before in Ontario's history, representing 39.5 per cent of ridings, or 49 ridings out of 124.

\*Note that the NDP have an equal ratio of female to male representatives.

In the summer of 2017, Lebeau interviewed 18 female MPPs, some former and some present. But in the fall, production changed gears. The feedback she got was that what happened during the women's suffragist movement was a mystery to most people. Who were the key players? What are their milestones?

While figures such as, Nellie McClung and Emily Murphy occasionally get special mention, there are many more heroes that deserve to be recognized.

"I had everything filmed," recalled Louise. However, as she began to piece clips together, newer staff members informed her that they would prefer she include the history prior to proceeding with interviews.

**Victoria:** What were some of the challenges you faced in producing the documentary?

**Louise:** "One of the biggest challenges was finding archival photographs that represented the suffrage movement. We looked through all the regular spots: the Toronto archives, the Ontario archives, the Canadian archives, libraries and reference libraries in U of T and other universities. It was very disappointing that we found so few images of women protesting during that time."

Though there was clear written evidence that major protests occurred at Queen's Park involving hundreds and thousands of people, hardly any photographs were found. Among the materials located were scarce newspaper clippings and amateur works. But, to her surprise, Lebeau found more material in the American archives for the women's suffragist movement than Canadian. With the lack of imagery recorded from that time, it was difficult to create visually stimulating graphics on screen. So, broadcasting staff helped create motion graphics using Adobe software: After Effects, Photoshop and



Premiere Pro were used to cut and paste images of the women mentioned in the documentary. A collage-like style was used to incorporate all the women in the same frame.

**Victoria:** How important is journalism to social justice?

**Louise:** “Very important.”

She went on to talk about a woman in the documentary by the name of Flora MacDonald Denison.



When journalists set out to change the world with their work, we call it, advocacy journalism. Denison was a journalist who worked for the Toronto World and she had a column where she wrote all about the suffragist movement. That was very helpful in raising awareness according to Louise. “She was incredibly instrumental in getting the cause covered in the papers,” explained Louise. Denison later became the president of the Women’s Suffrage Association. Members would write each other frequently and hosted presentations to inspire and educate women about their potential.

**Victoria:** Of all the women mentioned in your documentary, who would you most like to meet for coffee?

**Louise:** \*chuckles “Emily Stowe, because she was the one that really first started [the movement].”



Stowe dreamed of becoming a doctor but U of T wouldn't let her in. She needed to make money because her husband was ill, so she went to the States to get her degree. “Eventually, she became a doctor and while she was a doctor, she started a literary club,” Louise admiringly explained. “She was tirelessly devoted to the cause and yet she died before women got to vote. I always think when I'm having a bad day, well wait a minute, think about Emily Stowe.” Although Stowe didn't survive to witness the rewards of her efforts, she started a movement that inspired women to rise and conquer gender inequity.

**“Feminist: the person who believes in the social, political, and economic equality of the sexes.”** –Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Feminism is very much alive today, although recently, it has attracted a bad name. A common misconception is that feminism discriminates against men. The truth is, they want equality for all genders.

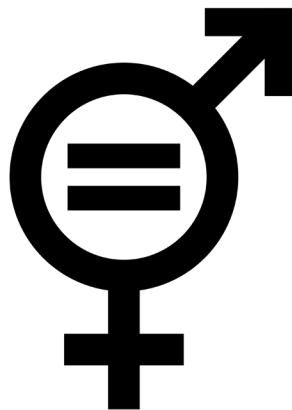
## A Look Ahead

As a sequel to her first documentary, Louise is currently working to create a compilation of narratives with the remaining interview clips. First, she says a lot of thought must be put into the production value. While Broadcast Recording Services recently gained approval from the Legislature to start showing other content aside from live proceedings of the House and the committees; Louise says that everything is contingent on money and staffing.

In other words, they now have permission to produce more creative content related to the Legislature, but production costs are extremely expensive and projects are laborious and time consuming. Therefore, prioritization is crucial to Broadcast Recording's efficiency. A project like this documentary takes a big body of people. "I couldn't have done it without all the people in the Legislature," accredited Louise.

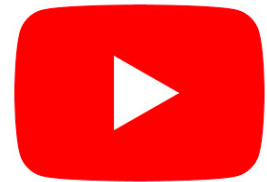
She had the help of the Library staff, women MPPs, film staff from Broadcast Recording Services, researchers, Hansard records, Parliamentary Protocol and Public Relations staff, and help from the Clerk's office in producing the socially conscious documentary, 'Women Should Vote'.

By challenging dominant narratives, the documentary helps viewers understand the ongoing fight for gender equality.





# JUST IN...



## OAFP YouTube Channel

We have just begun to explore how we can use YouTube to better inform our members. Thanks to Steve Gilchrist we now have 4 videos uploaded, ready for your viewing.

- There are two of our Distinguished Service Award ceremonies:
- Robert Nixon (June 5, 2013 )
- Margaret Birch (October 31, 2016)
- Also, "Art in the Park, the artists behind the art at Queen's Park" (March 27, 2019)
- and Professor Henry Jacek's presentation, "Changes which would create a more civil Question Period" (April 25, 2019)

So, sit back, relax and review these historical moments at Youtube.com.

Just enter "Ontario Association of Former Parliamentarians," and enjoy!

There will be more to come!

The screenshot shows the YouTube channel page for the Ontario Association of Former Parliamentarians. The channel name is "Ontario Association of Former Parliamentarians" with 1 subscriber. A red "SUBSCRIBE" button is visible. Below the channel name, there is a "HOME" link. The "Uploads" section is active, showing a "PLAY ALL" button. Four video thumbnails are displayed:

Video Title	Duration	Views	Posted
Robert Nixon - Recipient of the OAFP Distinguished...	50:56	2 views	3 months ago
Margaret Birch - Distinguished Service Awar...	1:02:41	2 views	3 months ago
Professor Henry Jacek - Changes Which Would Crea...	19:16	63 views	3 months ago
Art in the Park - The Artists behind the art at Queen's...	38:35	101 views	4 months ago

Bill 65, passed on May 10, 2000 during the 37th session, founded the Ontario Association of Former Parliamentarians. It was the first Bill in Ontario's history to be introduced by a Legislative Committee.

# FEATURE STORY

## TWO INTERNS EXPLORE QUEEN'S PARK

Article and Photos by: Victoria Esterhammer

Set against a bustling urban backdrop, the historic parliament buildings in Queen's Park host the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. Located in central Toronto, the phrase "Queen's Park" is regularly used as a metonym for the Government of Ontario. Named in honor after Queen Victoria by Edward, Prince of Wales; Queen's Park features The Golden Jubilee of



Victoria's 50th year on the throne (see left). Tons of people gathered at the special jubilee church service back in 1902 to celebrate the long-awaited arrival of the statue. Still, it is not considered to be one of the seven main monuments since it was added later, following a large controversy over the design and placement. Upon the construction of the park, there were plans to feature a statue of the Queen –but it was not until her death that Toronto decided to finally install a tribute on her behalf.

The Ontario Legislative Building (right), otherwise known as the Pink Palace, lies at the heart of Queen's Park in Toronto, Ontario. Although the Building has undergone numerous alterations, the winding hallways, staircases and marble arches showcase the traditional British design. The heritage building hosts the Legislative Assembly and is home to a variety of valuable artworks and stories. The Building was completed in 1892 and opened a year later. Previously on the grounds was an insane asylum.



Featured in this photo (left) is one of the two Russian cannons bordering the main entrance of the Legislative Building, facing College Street. In the background, Canadian flags and flags of the Ontario Legislative Assembly blow wildly in the wind. The cannons were captured by the British during the Crimean War and sent to Toronto in 1859 as a gift from Queen Victoria. They were placed at the south end of this heritage building upon its completion in 1892.

(Thank goodness it's not winter, am I right?)





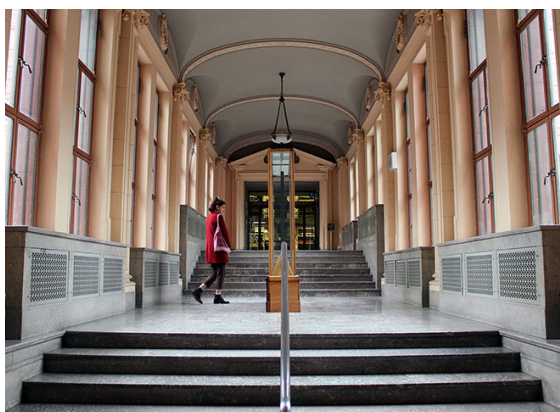
Queen's Park has five levels and a basement. The main corridors look the same, with hollow railings framing an interior balcony that runs through the three top levels and displays the uniform Victorian-style decor. The symmetry of the pillars and frames creates a mirror like illusion, and similar furnishing patterns can be found all over the Building. Still, there are unkempt nooks and crannies. The main corridors branch off into smaller winding hallways with abandoned rooms and dead ends. The Building is generally dim-lit, even more so after-hours, and government workers even report hearing eerie creaks and thumps echo through the empty hallways.

The first three floors of the Parliament Building are partially lit by a warm, stain glass skylight. The

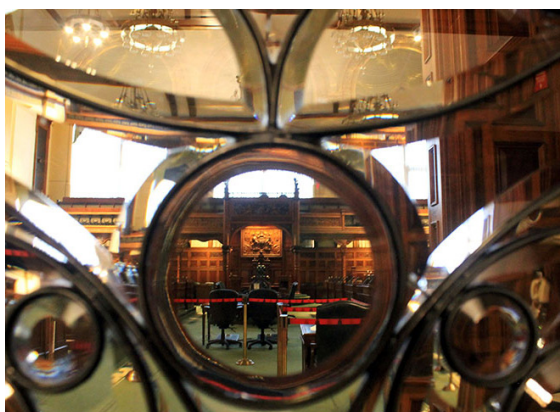
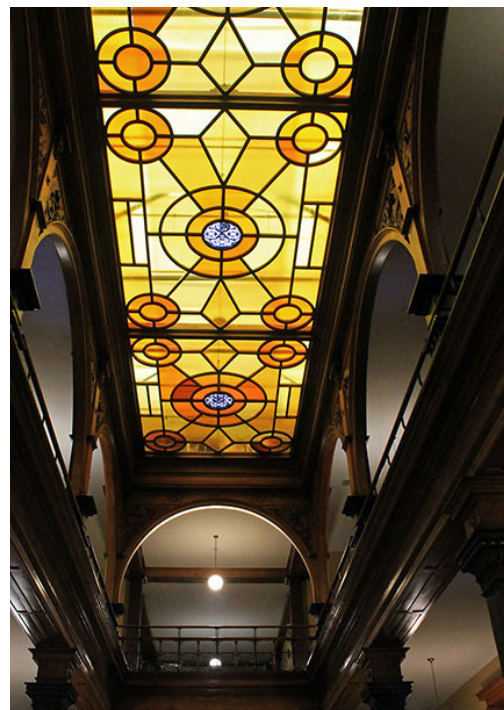
orange and yellow window is made of sun-like shapes and is supported by a framework of arches and pillars to illuminate the interior balcony and main hallways. I particularly love how in this photo; the iridescent light reflects off the pillars to highlight the detailed wood-work. Although there is additional lighting, the hallways remain dim.

The magnificent Pink Palace is known for its intricate

stonework, arches, and columns. Some areas are astoundingly symmetrical, like this



hallway, which extends from the top of the Grand Staircase. The platform pictured above is divided by a plate-like crystal statue, protected by a glass box. The statue is translucent and the light from the windows makes the marbled colours glow. From this perspective the left side of the hallway is almost a perfect mirror image of the right.

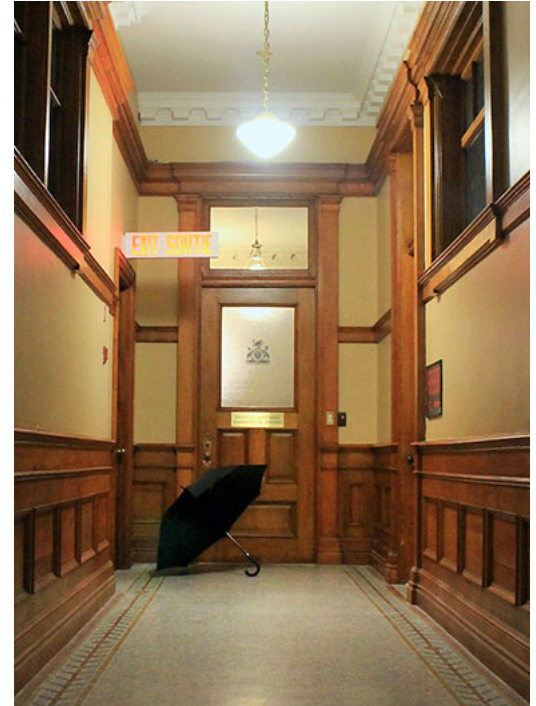


This photo gives a sneak peek into the Ontario Legislative Chamber. Since the Building opened more than 100 years ago, members have gathered here to debate and create the laws of Ontario. In the 1970's, a red carpet was added to the Chamber floor and royal blue upholstery on both the members' and public galleries' chairs. The red and blue color scheme lasted until the late 1990s, when the room was refurbished to the green as shown in the photograph. The green color scheme is consistent with the House of Commons and the British Parliament.



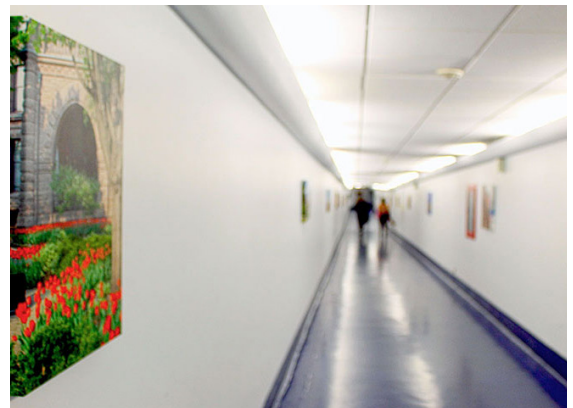
Every Halloween, The Ontario Legislative Building offers a festive, spooky tour of the Parliament's haunted grounds. As reported by the Toronto Star, there are approximately half a dozen ghosts roaming the halls of the Queen's Park. Rumor has it that the tortured spirits of two women who were once committed to the insane asylum haunt rooms and hallways. Others say that the ghost of Sergeant Charles Rutherford lurks in a chamber room. Multiple guests and government workers have supposedly witnessed apparitions floating down the grand staircase in the main foyer.

This is the door to the Speaker's Apartment. Our boss, David Warner, was the former Speaker of the House but is presently out of office. He let us know that many workers would not be present on the weekends, or after 5p.m. Still, we found an open umbrella positioned at the end of the hallway. Not creepy enough? This was as close as we could get to the umbrella to take a photo. Every photo we took walking closer came out black. Technical coincidence or supernatural force –you decide...



Before leaving Queen's Park, the girls traveled through the underground tunnel to the Whitney Block. The tunnel allowed them to cross the street between the Parliament Building and Whitney Block without facing the rain. The otherwise claustrophobic, plain tunnel was decorated by various paintings that make the route more scenic and colorful. The art functions as underground windows that don't open.

*La Fin.*





# Your Attention, Please!

## Out of country travel insurance

The out of country travel insurance is part of a package of healthcare benefits for those former Members of Provincial Parliament who have served at least five years.

Highlights of the out of country travel insurance:

- No trip maximum
- No dollar maximum
- Initial treatment covered 100%
- One follow-up visit covered 100%
- No premium (as it is part of a package)
- On-going care is not covered



There are three 1-800 numbers on the back of your card. If where you are planning to go isn't included in those numbers, call collect (or pay yourself, to be reimbursed by Great West Life later) Baltimore, U.S.A. @ 410-453-6330

Questions about your individual situation?

Call: 1-800-957-9777

\*When you call, you will need our Plan Number: 139467 + your ID number

## A Special Announcement

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY

to Premiere **Bill Davis**, pictured here (right), at his Georgian Bay cottage.



## In Loving Memory of Julia Ann Louise Munro (June 30, 1942 – June 12, 2019)

M.P.P. 1995 – 2018  
Progressive Conservative  
1995 – 1999 Durham-York  
1999 – 2007 York North  
2007 – 2018 York-Simcoe

“She is remembered for her passion and professionalism, and as a politician who was respected across party lines.” - York Region News

Julia was the longest serving female M.P.P. in the history of Ontario. During her six terms in the office, she held a number of positions:

- Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier,
- Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation
- Parliamentary Assistant to the Chair of Management Board of Cabinet
- Government Whip
- Deputy Opposition House Leader
- Chair, Standing Committee on Government Agencies
- First Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole House
- Vice-Chair of three Standing Committees: Public Accounts, Legislative Assembly, General Government

Julia Munro also served on five Standing Committees: Social Development, General Government, Public Accounts, Legislative Assembly, Government Agencies.

Julia was born in Hamilton and raised in Toronto. She was a high school history teacher for 24 years, in Markham and Newmarket. She and her husband John lived on a farm where they raised poodles, borzois and pointers. Julia and John have one daughter, Genevieve. Among those who were fortunate enough to be in her history class was Tyler Stewart, the Bare Naked Ladies drummer.

“Julia Munro was a wonderful person. Her humanity was what I remember most about the former MPP. She was always friendly, respectful and kind. Hard to find that combination of characteristics in a politician. In fact, it is unusual to describe a politician in that way. Usually one might hear: combative, partisan, abrasive, ideological, unfriendly, bully, uncooperative etc. But that was not Julia Munro. She will be remembered and respected by all sides of the Legislature, something that her family and friends can be proud of.” - Rosario Marchese

“In 2003 I was elected as part of the Dalton McGuinty Liberal team and had the honour to serve Etobicoke Centre for 11 years. In the beginning you get to know your own caucus members, but soon you start meeting the folks across the aisle. My husband’s family has a cottage on Lake Simcoe, so it made sense to seek out our MPP and it was Julia Munro. Julia



was overcoming some health problems so we didn't meet up for a while. However, when we did meet, I was completely impressed with a delightful, welcoming and sincere member. Julia had the moniker 'Lady Munro' and it definitely fit. It was a pleasure listening to Julia in the Legislature; always positive, never an unkind word about anyone, knew her responsibilities. She was always thoroughly up to date as the opposition critic. In the Legislature, late afternoon until six was the time to debate Bills, and Thursday was Private Member's time. Often we would cross the aisle just to chat while others were debating bringing each other up to date about family, what was going on in Georgina, just general chit chat. Over time Julia became a dear friend and we often conferred on topics of mutual interest. The Lake Simcoe Protection Act was one of the passions we shared. We chatted regularly about how and what could be done, 'the art of the possible' we would say. We both shared a file on Public pensions, and believe it or not we both actually enjoyed the file and often discussed remedies. Julia always held that the constituents came first and I wholeheartedly agreed. Sometimes when I needed to vet a thought or ask a question when I really didn't understand a particular point of view, Julia and I could have a discussion, open and honest, as colleagues. We had many similar interests. Julia and I shared a love of cooking and she was a wonderful Chef. Back and forth for some dinners, lively conversation among friends. We had one dog, Julia had many, but we both shared our love of our pets. I can honestly say politics never interfered with our friendship. I will miss her: however, as I reflect on my time as a Member of the Legislature, I will do so with wonderful memories of Lady Julia Munro."

-- Donna Cansfield

"On June 12, 2019, Julia Munro passed away peacefully at the age of 76 after a life dedicated to helping others. She had an enormous impact on the lives of many people through her work as an English & History teacher, dog enthusiast & exhibitor and politician. I first met Julia when she was a candidate in the 1995 election in the former riding of Durham York. She won and went on to win 6 successive elections in the redistributed riding of York North, then York Simcoe to serve her constituents in the Ontario Legislature from 1995 to 2018. This earned her the distinction of being the longest serving female in Ontario's history. During this time she was a tireless and dedicated advocate for not only her constituents but all Ontarians. I developed a tremendous respect and admiration for Julia's dedication, enthusiasm, integrity and honesty and an appreciation for her deep love for her husband, John and daughter, Genevieve who both supported her in her work. During her exceptional political career she held various portfolios and positions within the Ontario Legislature and P.C. Caucus. This included Parliamentary Assistant to Premier Mike Harris, Deputy Opposition House Leader and Deputy House Speaker. She introduced 6 bills in the Legislature including a Small Business Bill of Rights, a bill to fine dog abusers up to \$60,000 and one recognizing Magna Carta Day. This last Bill spoke to her appreciation for the foundations of democracy and the role democracy plays in ensuring future generations grow up in the kind of society we value. Julia's patience, civility and gentility earned her the respect and friendship of MPPs on both sides of the House who affectionately called her "Lady Munro". When she garnered this nickname, Norm Sterling in his eulogy at her funeral said her gentle demeanor was not to be interpreted as weakness and she was tough in negotiations. "An iron fist with velvet gloves", Sterling said. Norm Sterling also spoke about her desire to always do what was good for the people of Ontario and the fact that she came to Queen's Park for all the right reasons. She truly did and was always true to herself. Yes, Julia embodied the epitome of class and was a trailblazer for female politicians. She was a woman who was always gracious, both in the face of adversity and accolades. We are all blessed to have known and worked with her. Our thoughts, love and prayers are with John, Genevieve and her family."

--Elizabeth Witmer

# In Loving Memory of Hugh Alden Edighoffer

(July 22, 1928 - July 2, 2019)

Served in the 28th to 34th Parliaments  
(Oct. 17, 1967 – Sept. 5, 1990)  
Liberal M.P.P. for the Riding of Perth

Hugh Edighoffer served as the Speaker in two Parliaments and Deputy Speaker in one Parliament. He also Chaired the Special Committee on the Parliamentary Precinct. During the five terms when he was not Speaker, Hugh served on the Select Committee on Motorized Snow Vehicles and All-Terrain Vehicles, as well as on nine Standing Committees: Agriculture and Food; Legal Bills and Municipal Affairs; Welfare and Reform; Natural Resources and Tourism; Private Bills, Highways and Transport; Procedural Affairs; Estimates and Administration of Justice.



“I’m sure all former Members from the 1970s and 80s will be saddened by the news of Hugh Edighoffer’s passing and have fond memories of him. Hugh passed away on July 2nd at the age of 90. Hugh was an imposing figure, tall and handsome, and he had a warm and engaging way about him. Everyone loved Hugh. Most of the time he sported a smile. It seemed to be the default expression on his face – and you knew it was an honest one. He was not a particularly partisan fellow and engaged with everyone on both sides of the House with the same open and friendly manner. He was perfectly cast as both Deputy Speaker, a role he filled in the late ‘70s, and then Speaker. Born in Stratford, Hugh grew up in Mitchell. Apart from his time away at school he spent most of his life in Perth County. He ran a clothing business in Mitchell and became a town councillor and mayor there. He was elected as the Liberal MPP for Perth in 1967 and was re-elected six times – pretty well each time by an increased margin. Clearly, the more people in the riding got to know him the more they liked him! After the 1985 election, when the PC government of Frank Miller was returned with a tenuous minority, the House chose Hugh as Speaker. Weeks later, an accord was struck between the opposition Liberals and New Democrats, and David Peterson’s government took power. Despite the turmoil of the time, Hugh Edighoffer’s Speakership was characterized by fair and judicious rulings and he continued to be popular with all MPPs. On at least one occasion this writer was thrown out of the House for one transgression or another, but the Speaker and I agreed – the expulsion was well deserved!

Hugh Edighoffer did not seek re-election in the 1990 election, retiring after serving the people of Perth and Ontario for 23 years. There are some colleagues from years past who, when you think of them, your heart is filled with warmth. Men and women of good will who went into public life for all the right reasons. Hugh Edighoffer is one of them.”

– Phil Gillies



“Hugh Edighoffer brought something special to the Legislature; a calm, reasoned approach to deliberations. He was honest and forthright, qualities which earned him respect and trust on both sides of the aisle. As Speaker, Hugh was fair, but firm and the epitome of calmness. Always “even keel”, I never knew Hugh to lose his temper. He was invariably polite and respectful. Hugh Edighoffer was a Member of Provincial Parliament one would do well to emulate.”

-- David Warner

"I was saddened to hear the news that Hugh Edighoffer died on July 2nd at his home in Mitchell, Ontario. What a wonderful colleague and mentor he was. Few people I've met in politics had a better temperament for public life than Hugh Edighoffer. Easy going and good-humoured, Hugh liked people and he liked being with people. As a small businessman and as a well-respected municipal leader, he well understood the hopes and concerns of his neighbours and fellow citizens in the Ontario of the post-war period. Like his colleagues Murray Gaunt of Wingham, Don Paterson of Leamington and Ed Good of Waterloo to name but three, Hugh represented the very best of that old Ontario Liberal tradition that stressed the need to create wealth before you committed to spending it for whatever good reason. Of course, for those of us who served with Hugh Edighoffer, we remember him as Mr. Speaker from 1985 to 1990. And what a Parliamentary referee he was. Fair-minded, well liked and well respected by members on all sides of the House. Hugh was also well-versed in the rules and traditions of the Ontario Legislature when he assumed the Speakership in those tumultuous days after the May 1985 Ontario general election. Not surprisingly, Hugh's good cheer, good judgment and deft hand quickly established him as one of the most effective and successful Speakers in memory. "

-- Sean Conway



# In Loving Memory of Dr. Harry Craig Parrott

(November 30, 1925 – July 2, 2019)

Served in the 29th, 30th and 31st Parliaments

(October 21, 1971 – March 18, 1981)

Progressive Conservative M.P.P. for the Riding of Oxford



Dr. Harry Parrott held two Cabinet posts during his tenure in office; Minister of Colleges and Universities and Minister of the Environment. During his first term in office, Harry Parrott was Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Colleges and Universities. He also served on the Select Committee on the Ontario Municipal Board and three Standing Committees: Estimates, Social Development, Miscellaneous Estimates.

Harry Parrott was born in Mitchell, Ontario, went to school there and graduated in dentistry from the University of Toronto. Prior to being elected Provincially, Harry was elected to the Woodstock Board of Education, then as a Councillor on the Woodstock Town Council. He also served as the President of the Red Cross for Oxford County.

"I have only pleasant memories of Dr. Harry Parrott. In my experience, he was a thoroughly decent fellow, always willing to respond to any of my requests as a young Opposition member and he was a Cabinet Minister who seemed to know his files. Moreover, Harry had a very distinguished manner about him and he always looked like he was about to join Jimmy Stewart on a movie set. Like his fellow Mitchell townsman, Hugh Edighoffer, Harry Parrott had a presence, a stature that commanded attention. The only time I can recall Harry getting a bit worked up was when, as Ontario's Minister of Environment in the late 1970's, he was defending some rather contentious plans around industrial waste disposal. On one of those occasions, I remember two 'doctor' MPPs (Dr. Harry Parrott and Dr. Stuart Smith, then leader of the Opposition) getting quite heated in a debate that only cooled down when the Chairman of the committee, and Dean of the House -Mr. Osie Villeneuve from Glengarry- ordered an adjournment so as to lower the temperature of that committee room."

--Sean Conway

“Members elected during the 70’s will well remember Dr. Harry Parrott who represented Oxford from 1971 until 1981. Harry died, July 2nd at the Clinton Hospital, having spent a dozen years in Clinton. Harry was a noted dentist in Woodstock and surrounding Oxford County, prior to entering politics as a PC candidate, winning election by over 3,000 votes in 1971, defeating an incumbent Liberal. That election was something of a PC sweep, electing the new Bill Davis Government, but, more importantly, Harry was re-elected in 1975 and 1977, both being minority years for the PCs. He entered the Cabinet in 1975 as Minister of Colleges and Universities and in August of 1978 became Environment Minister through 1981; acquainting himself very well during trying times. An amusing incident occurred during a Ministers’ drive somewhere along 401 when he stopped at a service centre, his driver drove off leaving Harry to fend for himself without a car, or his winter coat. The driver thought he was in the back seat, but Harry had headed towards the restroom while the driver was in the service centre, and the rolled-up overcoat in the corner of the back seat was not Harry at all. It took quite a while before the driver realized who was not there after all. Dr. Parrott was always well regarded in Oxford and respected as a good representative, but still he decided not to continue in 1981, bowing out of his own volition. Always looking for a new challenge, and now free of political life, Harry took up building his new home on the bluff overlooking nearby Pittock Dam Lake; and built it himself, every step of the way. By then Harry was caught up in horse racing and would often be found trotting around the race courses of South Western Ontario. Interestingly at the time of his passing his 3 year old horse, Sportsline, had just won nine races in a row, and \$90,000 in purses, as recently reported by his business partner in racing who knew how happy Harry would be in his final thoughts. It was at these races that Harry met his second wife Donna Wood and they married fourteen years ago. Isobel Parrott, his high-school sweetheart, who was his first wife, died several years earlier. Harry was born in Mitchell, Ontario, and just a couple of years ago was on hand for the opening of the recently named pumping station which bore his name. He was very proud that he would be remembered by his ‘old home town’. With a new life in Goderich, and a new family with wife Donna, Harry continued to be interested and active, especially in horse racing. In the past year or so they lived in a retirement home. He leaves the children with his first wife, Craig, Lori and Nancy, and, in all some 8 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren; and the family of his second wife. He was in his 94th year at the time of his passing. A life well lived.

-- Written by Gordon Walker, Q.C., a London MPP who served with Harry Parrott

# In Loving Memory of David Caplan

(November 15, 1964 – July 25, 2019)

Liberal M.P.P. for the Riding of Don Valley East  
Served in the 36th, 37th, 38th and 39th Parliaments  
(September 4, 1997 – September 7, 2011)



David Caplan was Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal. As well, he was the Deputy Government House Leader and a Commissioner on the Board of Internal Economy, and served on two Standing Committees (Regulations and Private Bills, Government Agencies).

David Caplan was born in Toronto, attended the University of Western Ontario before working as a commercial real estate agent with the firm of Ernest Goodman Ltd. (1985 to 1989). He was Vice-President of Taurus Metal Trading Ltd., a recycling company, between 1989 and 1992. Prior to being elected in a 1997 by-election, David Caplan was a school board trustee for 6 years.

“Before I met David Caplan I knew he had probably become a father. Because his mother Elinor – his predecessor as MPP for the Toronto area riding of Oriole – had announced to the House that she had become a grandmother. It was not long after that announcement that Elinor retired from politics and the ensuing by-election brought David to Queen’s Park as her successor. David’s arrival at the Legislature prompted the customary moment of formal greeting and the all-too-rare experience of discreet trips across the floor as individual members of our caucus each found an occasion to introduce ourselves to our new colleague sitting opposite and to express personal words of welcome. When my turn came I asked David if his mother’s earlier announcement had something to do with him. He confessed responsibility for the new grandchild. I told him that I had recently become a father myself – although in my case, not for the first time. Although our entire conversation took place in the Legislative Assembly in the midst of a heated debate on some topic of burning public controversy, all of that dissolved into some vague sort of rumble against an indistinct backdrop as we shared our thoughts on the glamour of diaper changes and midnight feedings and the intense sense of awe that comes with finding yourself playing a direct part in nurturing a brand new human life. David lasted longer at Queen’s Park than I did. But for the remaining time during that one term our paths crossed on a number of occasions. Each time they did,



our comments to one another had nothing to do with the agenda on the Order Paper and everything to do with what was going on at home and with those other personal things that, in the final analysis, were at the root of what made entering the political realm important to us in the first place. Each time thoughts of David Caplan cross my mind I am reminded of my first conversation with him and the series of brief encounters that followed. I am reminded that amongst those who seek to serve the public for the right reasons, the things that unite us are far stronger and infinitely more enduring than the issues that arise from time to time that may appear to divide us. Sleep well, my friend.”

– John Parker

“One day, long after I was no longer an M.P.P., I was at Queen's Park. David Caplan, Cabinet Minister, was walking quickly along the hallway. He stopped and we chatted; me wanting to know how his mom was doing and he wanting to know what I was doing. I was impressed that he took the time away from the myriad of things which engage a Cabinet Minister to chat with me. That small incident was so typical of David Caplan; invariably friendly, partisanship never a barrier to friendship. Oh...we need more of David Caplan's approach.”

– David Warner

1997, David (Richard Caplan) came bounding down the corridor of the main hallway of the Whitney Block. He reminded me of a puppy that hadn't grown into his feet! He was on top of the world, a bye-election win making him the true David against Goliath. We don't have many political dynasty families, but I was meeting a member of one at that moment.

"Like colleagues on both sides of the House, the devastating news of David's untimely death made all of us rethink the vignettes of David at his craft. David was the quintessential politician, meaning, he was born for it. For his youthful start provincially in 1997, he brought a deep understanding of political strategy, as though he had been at it for years. Indeed, he had. Learning at the knee of a political powerhouse, he and his siblings learned the recipe for success. Imagine their table talk over the holidays, when David and his mom Elinor could compare experiences as Minister of Health. His opposition days were regarded as being in the bull pen, warming up for our days in government. He took to his critic responsibilities with gusto, joined the rat pack family, and jostled and slew as though he had done it forever. After tabling a vigorous launch of the ills of the government of the day, he'd resume his seat, smiling, making sure the other side knew this was not personal. As a Cabinet Minister, David took on large, complicated, multidimensional files for the government. It seemed the more complicated the solution, the more David enjoyed the role. Public Infrastructure and Renewal and Health and Long-Term Care brought David the kind of challenges he relished. The Places to Grow legislation, a case in point, could likely only have succeeded because of his adept handling of stakeholders who were at right angles from each other. He was a bon vivant, loved his riding's BBQs, saw his meeting and greeting of constituents as a perk of the job. As savvy as he was, he knew he was lucky to have his post. You genuinely felt that he was awed by it. David remained in provincial politics until 2011. In the middle of a nomination battle to run in the upcoming federal election, David was back in the saddle, doing what he loved in his community. He is grieved by his wife Lee, and sons Ben and Jacob. At his memorial service, Lee would see those best qualities of David living on in those boys as they captured the stories of David as a Dad. When Elinor spoke at the service of David as a part of the Caplan clan, we heard of David the son, the brother, the dad, the uncle, and tearfully, the husband. David Caplan, smart, funny, passionate. We'll miss you."

– Sandra Pupatello



**Chair**  
**David Warner**  
David.warner@sympatico

**Vice Chair and Treasurer Joe Spina**  
joespina@rogers.com

**Communications**  
**Steve Gilchrist**  
stevegilchrist@hotmail.com

**Distinguished Service Award**  
**Doug Moffatt, Chair**  
dougmoftatt@powergate.ca

**Lily Oddie**  
oddie@sympatico.ca

**Joe Spina**  
joespina@rogers.com

**Executive Assisant**  
**Mobina Bhiryani**  
oafp@ola.org

**Education Committee**  
**Jean-Marc Lalonde, Chair**  
j.m.lalonde@videotron.ca  
**John Hastings Co-Chair**  
john.hastings@81gmail.com

**Newsletter Committee**  
**David Warner, Editor**  
david.warner@sympatico.ca  
**Steve Gilchrist**  
stevegilchrist@hotmail.com  
**Lily Oddie**  
oddie@sympatico.ca  
**Helen Breslauer**  
hbrf@ca.inter.net

**Interns**  
**Victoria Shariati**  
vshariati@ryerson.ca  
**Victoria Esterhammer**  
vicky.estherhammer@gmail.com

**Education Foundation**  
**Annamarie Castrilli**  
acastrilli@castrilli.com

**Membership**  
**Judy Marsales**  
judy@marsales.com

**Secretariat and Member Services**  
**Karen Haslam**  
karenhaslam@wightman.ca

**Members-at-Large**  
**Rosario Marchese**  
rosariofromshaw@gmail.com

**Mario Racco**  
LegalSPC@RaccoGroup.com

**Barbara Sullivan**  
cheltenhamgroup@bell.net

**Queen's Park Office**  
Suite 1612 Whitney  
Block 99 Wellesley Street  
West Toronto, ON.  
M7A 1A2

416-325-4647

E: oafp@ola.org  
www.ontafp.com

