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The Ontario Association of Former Parliamentarians

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Canon Derwyn Shea and the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario,
The Honourable David C. Onley.

My experience as a Parliamentarian at Queen’s Park couldn’t have been a better way to pursue of a political life. The work and service at Queen’s Park showed me the challenges and realities of the job. I have had the good fortune to work with some great people.

-The Hon. Roy McMurtry

This issue is our wrap up for the summer. We will highlight the points of the Annual General Meeting, as well as our regular Where Are They Now, Omega Column, and a special message from our Chairman.

If you would like to be a member, please fill out the form at the end of the newsletter and mail it to our office. We look forward to welcoming new members.



The Hon. Roy McMurtry receives a standing
applause



The Hon. Roy McMurtry speaks to guests

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Our 12th annual general meeting turned out to be resoundingly successful in spite of a last minute bump in the road. The day before our meeting two House committees bumped us from our reserved meeting space as was their right but it left us in a bit of a spot. Happily I was able to find support from the office of the Sergeant-At-Arms' office and one available meeting room was found in the Macdonald Block. All security personnel were advised of the change but some of our members chose to wait at the precinct rather than walk over for the business session. That reduced our usual attendance to about 50 but the business of the Association proceeded quickly and efficiently. Canon Shea chaired the meeting accompanied by Treasurer Murad Velshi, Karen Haslam, John Hastings and Steve Gilchrist. The Chair led the Omega Service as the names of colleagues deceased during the past year were read out and then gave an overview of OAFP activities during the year. Issues raised by members ranged from HR benefits upgrades to election monitoring. Christine Elliott joined the meeting and was well received as she brought greetings to OAFP from the PC Caucus.

Our Nominating Committee Chair, Karen Haslam, presented the recommended slate for board membership for 2012-13 and the membership gave approval without amendment. Immediately following the AGM the new board met to elect its officers and directors:

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

At 5 pm, our membership gathered in the Vice-Regal Suite for a reception hosted by Ontario's Lieutenant Governor the Hon. David Onley. It was my pleasure to respond to the Lieutenant Governor's generous words of welcome and to offer him our loyal wishes as Her Majesty celebrates her Diamond Jubilee. Almost 100 members gathered in the Suite for this special occasion including Graham Murray, highly regarded publisher of IQP. At 6:15 pm we adjourned to the legislative dining room for our AGM dinner of good food and good fellowship and prepared to be entranced by our distinguished colleague, the Hon. Roy McMurtry, former Attorney General, High Commissioner and Chief Justice of Ontario.

Following dinner Roy McMurtry was introduced by board director Steve Gilchrist and he was offered thanks and a 'matured' gift by board director John Hastings. No Distinguished Service Award was presented this year. Secretary Karen Haslam brought a most successful evening and Annual General Meeting to a conclusion although many members continued to visit and exchange memories long into the night.

General consensus was the entire day was extremely successful and upbeat. Not bad for our 12th year.

It has been my honour to serve OAFP as Chair and I particularly wish to extend my thanks to all current and former members of our board for their support and dedication and to Mobina, Christian and Christine who have kept the office operational in spite of extremely limited funds. And to Alexa for her assembly of our newsletters.

We are hopeful office hours can be extended a bit more during 2012-13 to help us respond to the enquiries of our members. However it is imperative we receive everyone's e-mail address since that is how we distribute our many newsletters and your biweekly complimentary copy of IQP. **If you don't have an e-mail address please let us know and a printed copy will be mailed to you.**

And if you know of any former member who has not joined or is not receiving our information please let us know. And for our Where Are They Now columns we always welcome your direct input to our newsletters.

Please enjoy a safe and restful summer. Many of the board will be available on line even though the office will be closedbut we'll "see you in September". Peace

The Rev Canon Derwyn S Shea, Chair



Annual General Meeting Photos



Members of OAFP and guests gather in the Vice Regal Suite to hear the Hon. David C. Onley speak



The Hon. Roy McMurty and Cecile Vermette (Former President of AMICAL)



The Hon. Dave Levac meets guests in the Vice Regal Suite



OAFP Members and Guests Enjoy Dinner



OAFP Members and Guests visit the Vice Regal Suite at the Legislative Building in Toronto.



Cliff Evans (Former Member of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly) and Nancy Brant (U.S. Vice Council)

OMEGA

Obituaries

Robert W. MacKenzie
Hamilton East
Died January 17, 2011
Served 1975 -1995
NDP

Ivan Thrasher
Windsor-Sandwich
Died January 21, 2011
Served 1964 - 1967
PC

René Piché
Cochrane North
Died January 22, 2011
Served 1981 - 1985
PC

Raymond Louis Haggerty
Niagara South
Died April 23, 2011
Served 1967 – 1990
LIB

Patrick Michael Hayes
Essex North 1985 – 1987
Essex – Kent 1990 – 1995
Died May 2, 2011
Served 1985 – 1987 and
1990 - 1995
NDP

Bruce Crozier
Essex
Died June 3, 2011
Served 1993 -2011
LIB

Died July 22, 2011
Served 1990 – 1995
NDP

Margaret Renwick
Scarborough Centre
Died January 20, 2012
Served 1967-1971
NDP

Tony Silipo
Dovercourt
Died March 10, 2012
Served 1990 – 1999
NDP

René Fontaine
Cochrane North
Died March 17, 2012
Served 1984 – 1990
LIB

Leonard A. Braithwaite
Etobicoke
Died March 28, 2012
Served 1963 – 1975
LIB



The Ontario Association of Former Parliamentarians is working to expand the Trust’s Premiers Gravesite program where the grave sites of former premiers of provincial parliament are honoured with a mark on their tombstone. OAFP would like to honour all former members and is working to that end. It will be our objective, over time, to have a marker placed on the gravesite of every former member of Ontario's parliament. This was one of the ongoing initiatives discussed at the Annual General Meeting.



Bruce Crozier

William Ferguson
Kitchener

WEBSITE UPDATE

The new website will be rolled out soon led by board director Steve Gilchrist. The website will be found at <http://www.ontafp.com>. The revamped website features an 'About Us' section, Objects of the Association, Research Articles, What's New, Coming Events, Membership Information, our previous newsletters and other useful links. There will be more exciting updates in the near future.

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Welcome

Welcome to our home page. Our association was established by legislation in the 37th Parliament, First Session - in Bill 65 on May 10, 2000 with all party support. Bill 65 was the first bill in Ontario's history to be introduced not by a private member or by a government party, but by a committee - The General Government Committee. The Chair, Steve Gilchrist was the primary sponsor and committee members from all three parties were secondary sponsors: Toby Barrett, Marie Bountrogianni, Ted Chudleigh, Garfield Dunlop, Dave Levac, Rosario Marchese and Julia Munro. We are grateful to the committee members and the house leaders at the time - Norm Sterling (PC) Dwight Duncan (L) and David Christopherson (NDP) for their support.



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Memberships

Note: Each member receives an annual membership card and a membership scroll to which they can affix their annual seal. The card will identify members for qualifying discounts at various hotels and services which are identified from time to time. You can also contribute a one time fee of \$500 for lifetime membership. You will receive all the benefits of regular membership plus you will be invited to special activities and receptions. You will also get discounts and a special seal to affix to the scroll.

Please note that full membership is available only to former sitting Members of the Legislative Assembly. Associate (non-voting) membership is offered to current MPPs, and former MPs who represented an Ontario riding.



OAFP Honours It's Cornerstone Members

*Hon. Alvin Curling
Charles Beer
Claude F. Bennett
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Francis Lankin
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Membership Form

I wish to join/renew my membership in the Ontario Association
of Former Parliamentarians, *OR*

I am currently a sitting member of the Ontario Legislative Assembly
and wish to become an associate member.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Province _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Riding _____

Years Represented _____

Party Designation _____

I would like to join/renew for 1 year at \$50.00

I would like to become a Lifetime Cornerstone Member of OAFP and contribute \$500.00

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Thank you so much for your participation and support!