

GOLDEN TORCH AWARDS



Bishop Whelan	Maureen Cook
Dorset	Natasha Gentile
Dorval	Lisa Jarvis Marc Solomon
Edgewater	Cynthia Fitzmaurice Casey Stilwell
Edinburgh	Paula Duarte
Evergreen	Lynne Paquette
Gardenview	Carmy Zolla
Jubilee	Marlyn Brownrigg Gabrielle Montcalm
Lindsay Place High.....	Dawn Chipps Renée Marak
Lord-Aylmer	Lucie Chayko Nancy Crain Charlene Morrison Cyrena Pollitt Line Sevigny
New Carlisle High.....	Anne MacWhirter Joan Manning
Riverview	Marcy McCallum
Royal West Academy.....	Nives Degano
Sherwood Forest	Liette Chamberland Anne MacDonald Heidi Werbin
Souvenir	Christina Cavaliere

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2006/07 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

ON ISLAND SCHOOLS

Beacon Hill
Elizabeth Ballantyne
Lindsay Place High School
Thorndale
Willingdon

Membership Chair

Nancy Yates, President
Randi Weitzner/Karen Fagen
Debbie Trickey
Elizabeth Villani
Maria Vincelli

OFF ISLAND SCHOOLS

Ayer's Cliff
Baie-Comeau High
Lord-Aylmer
New Carlisle High

Mary-Ellen MacKinnon
Claude Beaulieu
Cyrena Pollitt
Susan Beebe

KUDOS TO LBPSB MERGED SCHOOLS

Clearpoint
Dorval
Jubilee
Orchard
St John Fisher
St Lawrence Academy
Sherwood Forest
Springdale

Jennifer Edwards
Lisa Jarvis
Barbara Schnider
Donna Spark
Dale MacDonald/Sandy Reid
Lea Spano, President
Joanie Beaubien Rossy
Laurie Betito, President

SPECIAL MENTION

Dunrae Gardens
Edinburgh
Forest Hill
Hillcrest
Merton
Royal Vale Elementary
Royal West Academy
Souvenir
Westpark

Connie De Giorgio/Bessie Ligris
Odette Michelin
Francy Pesek-Jardim
Teresa & James O'Grady
Carol Meindl
Helga Vandersluys
Randi Lenet
Marie Georgiou
Nathalie Cohen-Singer

SPECIAL DRAW FOR STAFF/TEACHERS

Janet Kennedy, Edgewater

Cynthia Fitzmaurice &
Casey Stilwell, Co-Presidents

2006/07 NEWSLETTER AWARDS

Gardenvue
John Rennie High
Sherwood Forest

Garden Views
Simply Rennie
The Quill

Editor

Mary Skagos
Sue William Rae
Liette Chamberland

UNSUNG HERO AWARDS



Bishop Whelan Elisabeth Gimber
Roy Rodd
Linda Rodrigues

Dorset Cindy Hunt

Dorval Lynn Hamilton-Bray

Edgewater Lynne Benjamin

Edinburgh Judy Hand Tennant
Cynthia Jones Limeburner
Sharan Shore

Evergreen Tamara Thullner

Gardenvue Sophie Bisson

Honoré-Mercier Maria Palamara

Jubilee Linda Roach

Lindsay Place High School Sharon Belanger

Lord-Aylmer Robert Beaudoin
Heather Beresford
Allison Godin
Jen Pound
Sylvie Skidmore

New Carlisle Susan Beebe
Sharon Smith

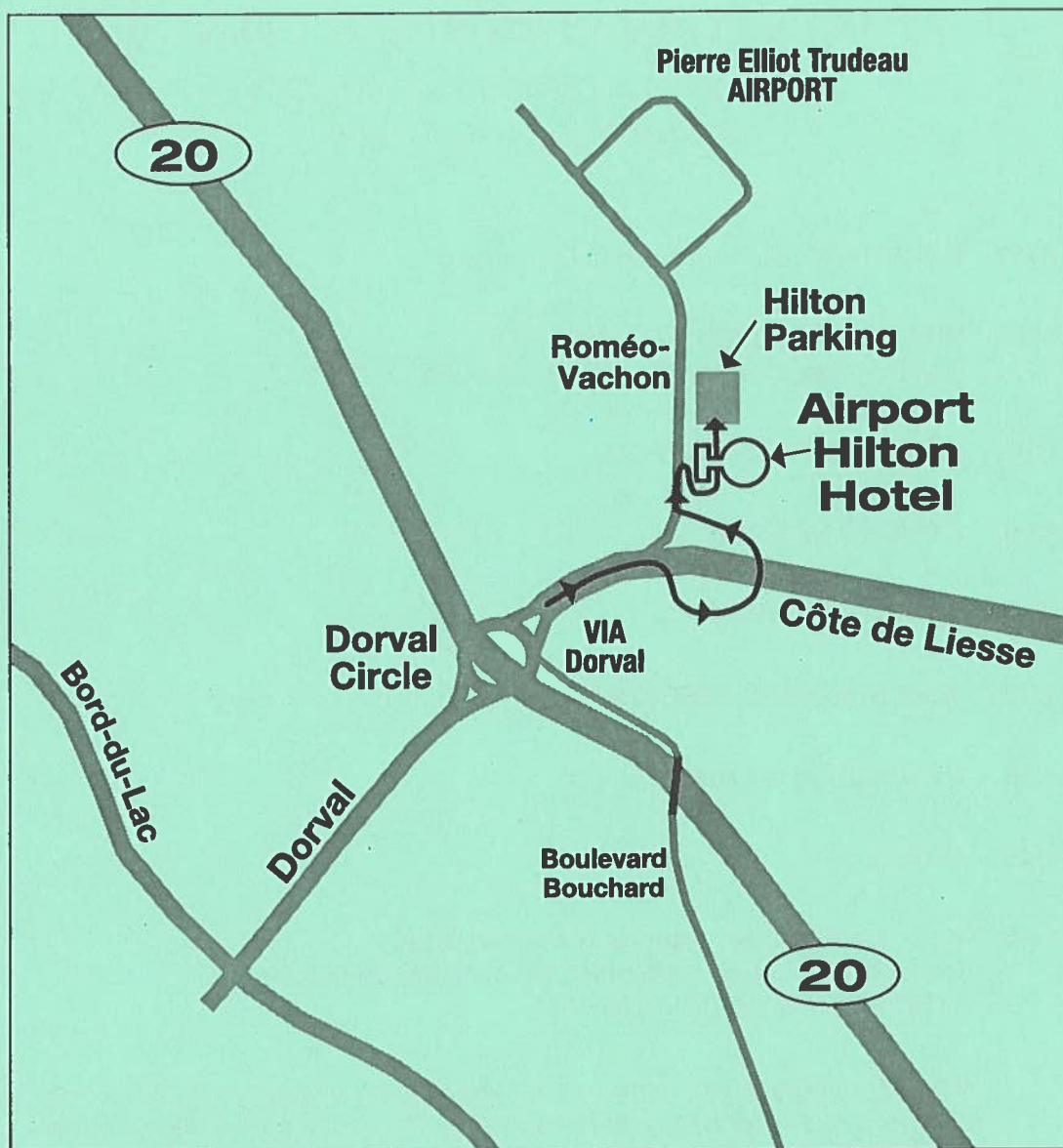
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Nancy Roach

Royal West Academy Sharon Braverman
Sharan Shore
Maria Torres

Sherwood Forest Kirstin Bird-Lamoureux
Peter Rakobowchuk

Souvenir Voula Krassakopoulos

Thorndale Joyce Chan
Mavis Nicholls
Anna Porco



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Keep left, pass the entrance to the hotel and the hotel parking lot will be
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LEWIS PEACE PRIZE

for contributing to a safe and peaceful community environment

MARIA DeSOUZA and PROJECT LOVE BUG



Project Love Bug began four years ago in Allancroft School after many devastating incidents. Beginning with 9/11, the Bauer murders, our beloved kindergarten teacher, who was on maternity leave, had her husband die at age 27, two months after being diagnosed with cancer. And that was the year of work-to-rule. Maria DeSouza, our Spiritual Animator from the Lester B Pearson School Board, decided something needed to be done.

Project Love Bug held its first meeting on February 14, 2002. Its purpose is to promote loving kindness, through Thought, Word and Deed. The intention was to have the students create the project. A letter was sent to all students from grades 3 – 6, inviting them to a meeting in the library, during lunch hour, once a week. And thus it began – with 15 students. The first meeting they made a list of ideas – Posters, An Assembly for the Whole School, A Promissory Coupon to do One Unconditional Act of Kindness (the goal was to collect 1000).

Below are just a few of the many things they do.

- Taking students to sing for seniors
- “Pennies for Peace” bed kits (Tsunami)
- Seniors Luncheon held in May
- Rice Day – fundraiser for our Foster Child
- SPCA – animal awareness
- Collecting metal tabs
- Making cards, gifts and writing letters to our Veterans, at Remembrance Day and at Valentines Day.

The merger and move of two schools – Allancroft and Windermere – into Sherwood Forest this year, has been a challenge to get our Project Love Bug up and running. But it has succeeded admirably.

Maria DeSouza exemplifies what it means to go above and beyond the call of duty in creating peace in the community and school – by working with the students, her colleagues and the parent body – for the benefit of all.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



Donna Norris

After three years of serving as the President of QFHSA, I will now move into the *Past President* position. I have had a very worthwhile and some times challenging three years, but it was an experience I am happy that I had the opportunity to do.

During my three years as President I have had the pleasure of meeting many interesting people and visiting many schools. I have really enjoyed this part of the job. I would not have had this pleasure if I had not taken the position of President, nor would I have had the personal growth obtained from this position.

I will now, with the knowledge and experience I have gained, assist the incoming President. I am looking forward to this position and think it is one of merit. The dedicated boards of previous years had the insight to create a position – Past President – that brings stability and continuity to the board of Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations. This tradition would serve the local associations just as well as it does the provincial.

As I stated in my previous President’s messages, I felt that ALL members of QFHSA were my educators. I would like to thank all of you for your contribution to my education. I would also like to thank the dedicated board members and staff of QFHSA for their commitment, hard work and the many volunteer hours they give to QFHSA.

Donna Norris

2007 AGM COMMITTEES

Coordinator	Debi Brown
Book of Reports	Anne MacWhirter/Carol Ohlin
Nominations	Barbara Smith & Directors
Publicity	Beverlee Bishundayal
Registration	Office
Resolutions	Rickhey Margoese/Marion Daigle
Awards & Prizes	Pat Waters, Chair
Leslie N Buzzell Award	Wendy Buchanan
Gordon Paterson Award	Allan Locke
Lewis Peace Prize	Barbara Milne-Smith
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Newsletter Awards	Diane Radu

PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

Conference Kits

Amcal Family Services – presents a Parent Workshop – *Stop Walking on Eggs!*
The Centre for Literacy – *Travelling Resource Trunks*
Drugs – Help & Referral – information, answers and help.
Raising Financially Literate Teens [Mackenzie Investments]

Thank you to:

Centre for Literacy of Quebec..... Book prizes for school libraries
Department of Canadian Heritage Back Packs
Brian Flores, 3rd year Illustration &
Design student, Dawson College 2007 logo

LESLIE N. BUZZELL AWARD

for unique, longstanding and meritorious
service to the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations
at the provincial level

RICKHEY MARGOLESE

Throughout the years, education has greatly benefited from those dedicated parents who become involved in their children's schools and then take the next step forward to the provincial and national levels, where all children are the beneficiaries. And our Rickhey Margoese continues to generously share her time and talents with both her school and the QFHSA Board of Directors.



She served on our Executive Committee for five years, from 1992 to 1997. One year, Rickhey and Anne Swettenham were our delegates to the New York PTA. They came back from this with great enthusiasm and new ideas. We learned to have caucus sessions before we voted on our resolutions at our Annual General Meeting. They designed our pins – *Unsung Hero* and *Golden Torch* – for recognition of exceptional Home & Schoolers at the local level – and wrote the criteria on which we base these awards.

Rickhey has always been interested in resolutions – how to write them, how to present them, what makes a “good” resolution. She is currently helping Mac High, where she is a Home & School member, to put together their resolution on *Curriculum Reform - High School Textbooks in English* and she will, no doubt, be the one presenting it at tomorrow's AGM.

Rickhey is also a longtime member of the QFHSA Education Committee. She has helped with organizing Regional Council meetings in her own school area and, at our yearly meetings, has guided the delegates to meet in groups and to share common concerns and successes.

All of this volunteer service was accomplished while parenting four children and working full-time. Thank you, Rickhey. And we look forward to your continuing commitment to education and to QFHSA.

GORDON PATERSON AWARD

for long service to the education of children
and the encouragement of the involvement of parents

SUSAN SINGER



Prior to this year, Susan managed the libraries in three different schools: Allancroft, Dorset and Edgewater. This entailed handling all the purchasing of books, the cataloging, the shelving and the repairs. She did all this by training parents to handle the day-to-day operation of the library, leaving her free to read stories aloud to children, to manage special library events and to accomplish her library responsibilities that only she could perform.

This year, Susan decided to concentrate her efforts at Sherwood Forest, a merger of Allancroft and Windermere School communities. And an exciting year it has been.

Susan's dedication, patience and persistence are legendary. She is successful because she values the skills and talents of her volunteers. She asks for their advice and their opinion, and follows through with many recommendations her volunteers make. Another challenge, successfully navigated by Susan, has been to bring together the library volunteers from two former schools and make them feel comfortable working together.

Susan believes school libraries must be open and available to students five days a week, and she trusts her volunteers to handle this important task. She has made libraries special and important places for our students. With Susan's hard work and dedication, our newly formed library is becoming a community of volunteers. And our children are the benefactors!

With a facility for good organization, a warm and welcoming personality, a natural ability to teach and encourage others, Susan has touched the lives of hundreds of volunteers during her career. She has made libraries special and important places for thousands of elementary school students. Her innovative initiatives: Hockey and Olympic Literacy Weeks, special displays that capture the imagination of students, Storytelling Celebrations, has her students clamoring for more!

PAT LEWIS HUMANITARIAN AWARD

for an individual or group, at the elementary school level,
who has shown outstanding efforts toward a humanitarian cause.

THE MARGARET MANSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Compassion in Action



Our school has been active in teaching our children the importance of reaching out to others who are less fortunate. There are many ways this "message" is being sent to the students. Here are two highlights.

Last year, students, staff and volunteers alike, began an endeavour to build a school in Kenya. We had a two year plan! We are thrilled to announce that the school has been constructed – and it only took ONE YEAR! The cost of building one classroom is about \$7,000. Wouldn't it be incredible if every school in Quebec could build *one classroom*? At Margaret Manson we will continue to raise funds to build additional schools and to furnish the existing ones. The students are so proud! And we are proud of them.

Due to the attendance of a child at Margaret Manson who is afflicted with Spinal Muscular Atrophy, the students have become extremely knowledgeable and sensitive to this disease. Each year the students participate in various fundraisers to collect money to donate to the SMA Foundation. This year's donation was \$2,000 on behalf of the students and parents of our Margaret Manson School Community. Our "Sammy" is a delight and an example to the other students at Margaret Manson!



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INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE: Tuesday, April 10, 2007
(Please submit a separate form for each person)

Name: _____ Tel/Fax: _____
Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Postal Code: _____
Representing: _____ Home & School/or other Organization

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Please check ONE:

Home & School Voting Delegate ☐
Home & School *Alternate* Voting Delegate ☐
Home & School Member, *non-voting* ☐
QFHSA Director ☐
Observer ☐

CONFERENCE FEES

Registration: QFHSA Member, **\$0** OR Observer, **\$15** \$ _____

Those registering **by April 10th**, choose column **A**
Those registering **after April 10th**, choose column **B**

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Friday Awards Dinner	\$45	\$55	\$ _____
Saturday	\$42	\$50	\$ _____

(includes continental breakfast, breaks, luncheon & beverages all day)
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Payment – please make cheque payable to **QFHSA** **Total Amount** \$ _____

REGISTER EARLY and SAVE!

