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CONFERENCE KITS

Assembled by:

Wagar High School students

Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations, Inc.

54th Annual General Meeting and Conference

Theme:

PARENTS & PARTNERS: A SHARED VISION



on:

MAY 1, 1998

at:

QFHS Office
3285 Cavendish Blvd., Suite 562
Montreal, Quebec

on:

MAY 2, 1998

at:

Holiday Inn Pointe Claire
6700 Route TransCanada
Pointe Claire, Quebec

1997/98 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

(based on number of *families*)

ON ISLAND BOARDS – Elementary Schools		Membership Chairmen
Royal Vale	100.0%	Melanie Abramowitz
Hillcrest	100.0%	Gianna Venditti
Edinburgh	83.8%	Sharon Martin
Honourable Mention		
Merton	75.8%	Ann Mitchell
ON-ISLAND BOARDS – High Schools		
Royal West Academy	31.5%	Carol Stenhouse Maureen Newman-Daigle
Honourable Mention		
John Rennie High	15.6%	Susan Kuchiran
Hudson High	15.5%	Angela Brisbane
OFF-ISLAND BOARDS		
Baie Comeau Elem/High	49.3%	Cecil Burton, Pres.
Shigawake-Port Daniel	43.0%	Barbara Hottot
Honourable Mention		
New Carlisle Elem/High	30.4%	Cynthia Enright

SPECIAL DRAW FOR SCHOOL STAFF/TEACHERS

Kendra Griffiths, teacher at Edgewater School

1997/98 NEWSLETTER AWARDS

Edinburgh Elementary – *The Tattler*
Mount Pleasant Elementary – *Chalk Talk*

Editors

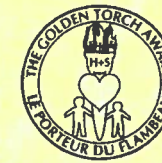
Barbara Bernstein
Heather Downe
Theresa Coffey

UNSUNG HERO AWARD WINNERS



Cecil Newman	Sharon Krawchuck
Courtland Park	Stephanie Zampini
Dorset	Anna Peterman
	Louise Desjardins
Edinburgh	Jackui Roye
Elizabeth Ballantyne	Ellen Meredith
École Primaire Harwood	Liz Babeu
	Sharon Freund
Keith	Judy Wells
New Carlisle High	Janice Sylvester
Shigawake/Port Daniel	Margaret Hackett
Sunnydale Park	Nora Novack
Willingdon	Linda Diez

GOLDEN TORCH WINNERS



Courtland Park	Jocelyn Pickler
Dorset	Laurie Greenberg
Edinburgh	Linda Aiken
Elizabeth Ballantyne	Nora Trethewey
École Primaire Harwood	Suzanne D'Amour
Keith	Ron Swan
New Carlisle High	Agnes Blais
Royal West	Carol Stenhouse
Shigawake/Port Daniel	Linda Larocque
Sunnydale Park	Margaret Fowler
Westpark	Tula Corber

LEWIS PEACE PRIZE

for contributing to a safe and peaceful community environment

HEIDI RATHJEN



Hudson High Home and School Association was happy to nominate Heidi Rathjen, originally from the Hudson area, for this award. Heidi, who is an activist par excellence, has become known throughout Canada for her efforts in making all our communities safer and more peaceful.

Her outrage at the deaths of fellow students, including her best friend, and the wounding of many others at the École Polytechnique in December of 1989 spurred her to action. She started out by coordinating a student-led petition of over a half-million names calling for a ban on assault weapons. This was presented to then Minister of Justice Kim Campbell, who

attempted, but failed, to have Bill C-80 passed.

A second try for legislation (Bill C-17), which included a ban on some assault weapons, safe storage requirement, tougher screening and a ban on large capacity magazines, was passed in December 1991. The success was due in large part to the Coalition for Gun Control, which Heidi had co-founded with a young professor from Ryerson, in Toronto, Wendy Cukier. Together they have been recognized by many organizations, and have received honorary doctorates in medicine from the University of Laval and the 1992 award of the World Congress on Violence and Human Coexistence, among other honours. Heidi was also the 1996 recipient of the Government of Quebec's Prix de la Justice.

Heidi is currently Campaign Director of the Coalition Québécois pour le contrôle du tabac. As an experienced lobbyist, she is able to share her experience with other public interest organizations as well, who call on her generosity as a volunteer. Her interest in these issues have taken her as far as Beijing and Kiev.

For her efforts, which have proven that sensitivity does not outrule determination, and that dedication and courage can reinforce each other, we are happy to award the 1998 Lewis Peace Prize to Heidi Rathjen.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Miriam Lalande

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Home and School Association delegates and representatives from our many partners in education to the 54th QFHSA Annual General Meeting and Conference.

Giving of your valuable time and expertise today is an indication of your commitment to the mission of QFHSA as we come together to **SHARE OUR VISION** of parental involvement in the education and well being of our children and youth.

Our deliberations and decisions are especially important this year as QFHSA enters a new era of planning and priorities within the new linguistic school system. The Board of Directors is gratified to have many of the issues discussed by our local Home and School Associations and our QFHSA committees reflected in resolutions to be voted on today. Resolutions and Policy are at the heart of this organization and help us to speak as an **INDEPENDENT VOICE** for parents.

The AGM is a time of celebration. This year we are very proud of 50 years of continuous publication of the QFHSA NEWS. The Awards Luncheon highlights outstanding achievements and our conference speakers join us as key partners in education to offer their vision and insights into future directions in education in Quebec.

Your role in representing your Home and School Association is a vital one. We come together to do together that which we cannot do alone. Thank you for your participation.

1998 GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEES

Chairman	Marion Daigle
Facility / Hospitality	Barbara Chatelois-Page
Registration	Joan Daigle
	Marion Daigle
	Jaime Lalande
	Francie Gunther
Conference Program	Marion Daigle
	Margaret Funnell
	Helen Koeppe
	Miriam Lalande
	Alice MacLeod
	Pat Waters
Awards – Leslie N. Buzzell Award	Miriam Lalande
Gordon Paterson Award	Pat Waters
Prizes – Lewis Peace Prize	Don Smith
Membership Prizes	Norma Cheng
Newsletter Prizes	Diane Radu
Book of Reports	Carol Ohlin
Constitution / By-Laws / Standing Rules	Ann Cumyn
Finance	Margaret Funnell
Membership	Norma Cheng
Nominations	Pat Waters
Publicity / NEWS	Dorothy Nixon
Resolutions / Policy	Helen Koeppe
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	Francie Gunther

LESLIE N. BUZZELL AWARD

for outstanding service to the Quebec Federation

DEBORAH BROWN



Debi Brown's nomination as a worthy candidate for the Leslie N. Buzzell Award, for outstanding service to the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations, was welcomed by members of the Board of Directors as fitting for her contribution and commitment in the role as Federation Treasurer from 1991-1996. Her sacrifice of valuable personal time was noted as she travelled many times from her home in the Aylmer area to Montreal in the course of her duties.

Having started at the local association level, with involvement finally as Home and School President of Aylmer Elementary, and continuing with active participation as a school committee member at Aylmer Elementary, Hadley Junior High and Philemon Wright High School, Debi honed her leadership skills and eventually became parent representative from Aylmer Elementary to the parent committee of the regional school board (Western Quebec). Last year she became the parent commissioner at the school board level, and this year has served on the Provisional Council, helping plan for the future.

Quebec Federation's loss, when Debi resigned her position as Vice-President, was Canadian Home and School Federation's gain, as she became their Treasurer. She works full time in Ottawa for the Hotel Association of Canada, and has often said that her volunteer work and achievements have played a vital role in her personal and professional development.

For her leadership and ongoing efforts on behalf of the mission of Quebec Home and School, as well as for her talent, time and dedication, we are proud to have Debi Brown as the 1998 recipient of the Leslie N. Buzzell Award.

GORDON PATERSON AWARD

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

LOUISE CHALMERS



Louise is an outstanding educator who has been fostering a love of drama at John Rennie High School in Pointe Claire for over 21 years. She has made John Rennie's drama program the envy of schools across the province, and shares her wisdom and experience with other professionals.

She has over a dozen professional publications and presentations to her credit. In her work with The Association of Drama Educators of Quebec, for which she played a founding role and is a past-president, she has helped organize and run drama workshops across the province and at teachers' conventions.

Louise also lectures in drama at Concordia University, and spearheaded the Concordia Drama Production that travelled to Hong Kong in 1994. The Lakeshore School Board presented her with an Award of Merit in 1996.

In the classroom, Louise reaches out and appreciates the uniqueness of each student. She not only listens to their ideas, but incorporates students' suggestions into productions. Her love and respect for the students is reciprocated, and results in creative productions which sparkle with their enthusiasm and help launch a life-long interest in drama.

She has encouraged the participation of parents throughout her years at John Rennie, having realized that this resource is there waiting only for an invitation to get involved. "Behind the scenes" parents have assisted with costumes, production, funding, field trips and cast socialization.

A recent coup was the initiation and organization of the first Quebec Improv Games, held at John Abbott College, and of course John Rennie students won. To celebrate, drama students and parents took a road trip to the National Arts Centre in Ottawa. Louise has made it easy for parents to be part of their children's activities, and has helped them to get to know their friends as well. She demonstrated the importance and benefits that accrue to families who are involved together, and has proved to be a most worthy recipient of the 1998 Gordon Paterson Award.

Canadian Home and School Federation Greetings

JOYCE EYNON

President

I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 54th Annual General Meeting and Conference of Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations in Montreal. QFHSA has a proud and long tradition of successful Annual Meetings and Conferences.

Parents & Partners: A Shared Vision is an excellent conference theme. The education, well-being and welfare of our children and youth must become the number one priority of all citizens in Canada!! The children of Canada are the country's greatest resource and future.

Parents play the central role in the development and education of their children and youth. It is extremely important that parents take time for "professional development", just as their education partners do annually. Changes have been occurring so rapidly throughout Quebec and the rest of Canada, and from so many directions, that it is essential that parents keep informed, communicate and share their expertise. Your conference is an opportunity to dialogue, build partnerships and network. The diversity and different qualities that participants bring make this event rich and rewarding, and contribute to the growth of all participants, as well as your Federation and your partnerships.

When faced with so many challenges, it is important to take time to step back from day-to-day routines and to share, listen and reflect upon information and ideas. The Conference organizers have put together an excellent program and meeting. Participants will come away enriched and better prepared to face the future and to accept these challenges alongside their education partners.

Best wishes from the Canadian Home and School Federation for a successful Annual General Meeting and Conference, and for a rewarding year!!



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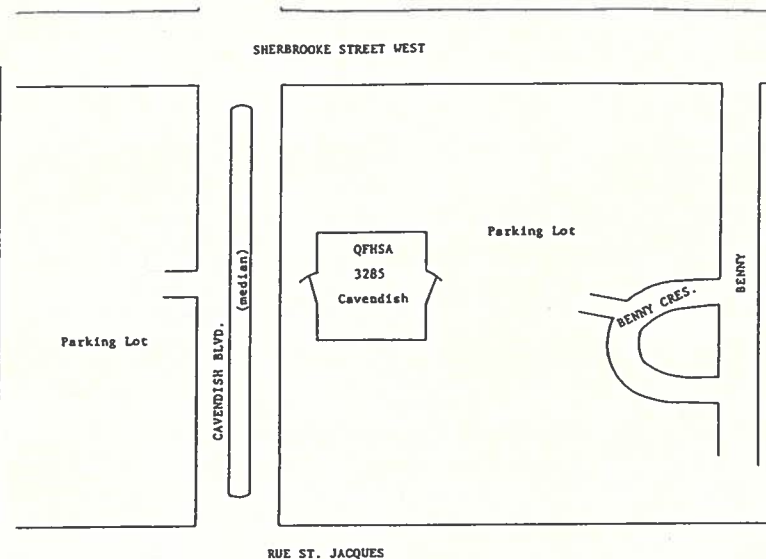
QFHSA OFFICE

Friday, May 01, 1998

The QFHSA office is located at 3285 Cavendish Blvd., #562, in Montreal (NDG). The building is situated south of Sherbrooke St. W. and north of St. Jacques. You can park across the street in the parking lot or behind the building itself (entered via Benny Avenue and Benny Crescent - one street east of Cavendish).

If you are coming from the west island on highway 20, take Exit 64 [sign says: 138 est, rue St. Jacques, boul. Angrignon], and follow St. Jacques to Cavendish.

If you are still not sure how to find the office, please call us at (514) 481-5619.

**HOLIDAY INN**

Saturday, May 02, 1998

If you are coming West along the 40 turn South on to St John's Rd and then turn right on to Holiday.

Fairview
Shopping Centre



Highway 40 (West)

service road

Holiday Inn

Office
Bldg.

PARKING

Comfort Inn

Holiday Road

Holiday Inn/Pte Claire
6700 Rte TransCanada
(514) 697-7110

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Hymus Blvd.

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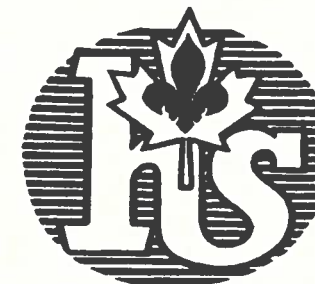
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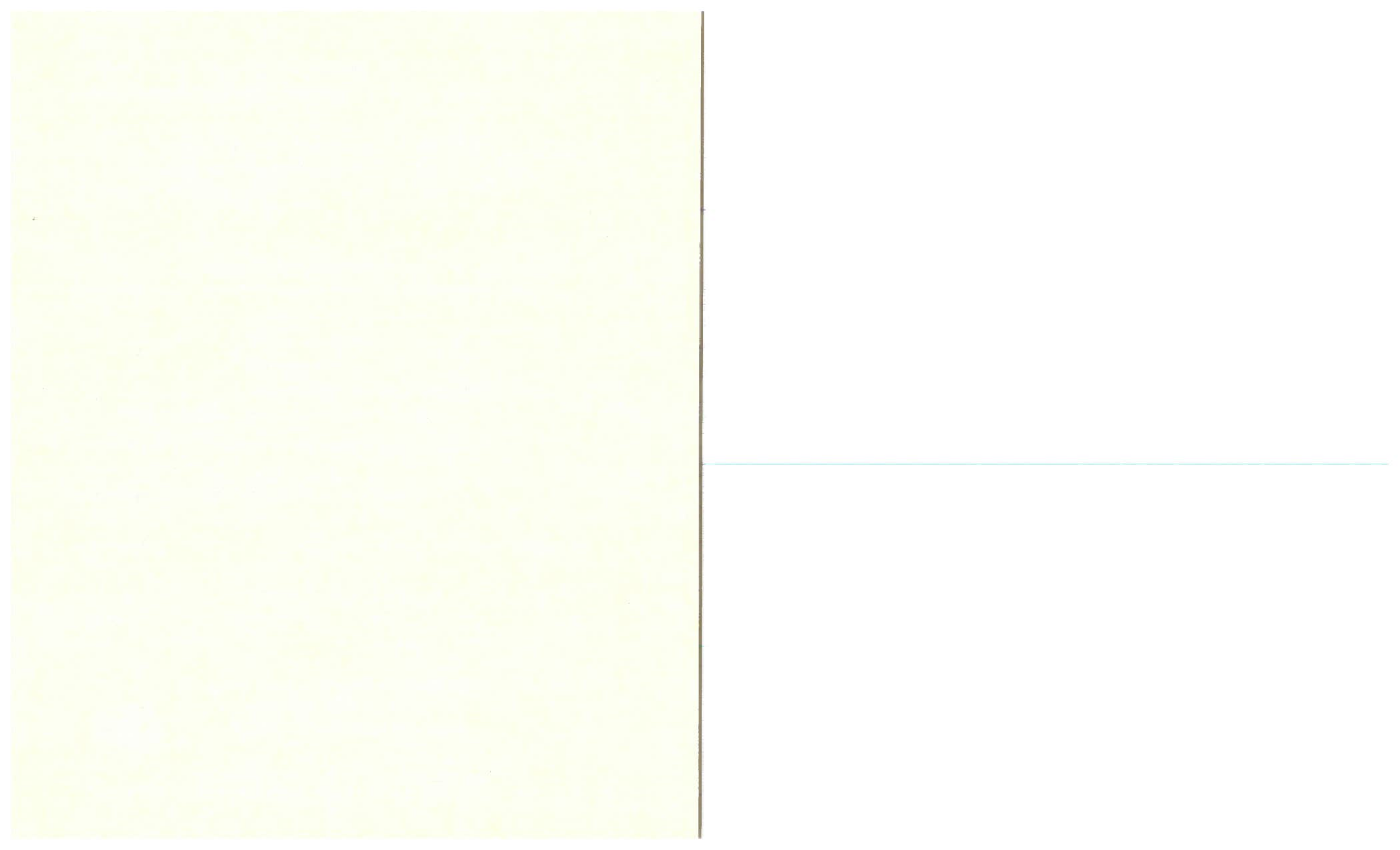
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INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 17th

(Please submit a separate form for each person)

Name: _____ Tel/Fax _____
Address: _____ e-mail _____
_____ Postal Code: _____

Representing: _____ Home & School/Other Organization.

Friday, May 1 - **Early Bird Special** (5:00-8:30pm) _____
(light supper included)

Saturday, May 2 - **Annual General Meeting** (8:30am-12:30pm)

Please check ONE: Home & School Voting Delegate _____
Home & School Alternate Voting Delegate _____
QFHSA Director _____
Home & School Member, non-voting _____
Observer/Group Affiliate Member _____

Saturday, May 2 - **Awards Luncheon & Conference Presentation**(12:45-4pm) _____
Guest(Local School/Volunteer Award) _____

F E E S

Registration: QFHSA Member ----- none
Group Affiliate Member/Observer ----- \$15.00 \$_____
Non-Home & School Member ----- \$15.00 \$_____

Awards Luncheon (includes nutrition breaks) ----- \$27.50 \$_____

Payment (by local association/School Committee) Amount \$_____

Payment -- by individual Amount \$_____