

## GOLDEN TORCH AWARDS

Baie Comeau High School	Carolle Downing
Beacon Hill Elementary	Beverly Leith Katie Johnston Sandy Steadman
Bishop Whelan Elementary	Marie Andrée Chagnon Elisabeth-Ann Gimber Tracey Beaufile
Dorset Elementary School	Lisa Ucker
Dorval Elementary School	Allison Willet
Edgewater Elementary School	Joanne Jackson
Edinburgh Elementary School	Karen Friend Maddalen Veloce
Evergreen Elementary School	Liz Javeri
Gardenview Elementary School	Sophie Bisson Connie Di Iorio Betty Skagkos
Lindsay Place High School	Diane Laque
Macdonald High School	Diane Guidry
Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary	Tara Hamel
Riverview Elementary School	Nancy Roach Berber Bosch
Royal West Academy	Mary Diovislovi Eileen Cotton Ilgin Sartekin Susanne Strater
Thorndale Elementary School	Johanna Morrow Karin O'Donohue Fil Coletta Jane Masini Agnes Paoella
Westwood High School	Beverly Hynes

*Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations, Inc.*  
**66th Annual General Meeting & Conference**



**April 24, 2010**  
at  
**Wyndham Hotel**  
12505 Côte de Liesse  
Dorval, Quebec

## 2009/2010 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

### Most Improved Membership "On Island" Schools

Beacon Hill Elementary	Margaret Manson Elementary
Dorset Elementary	Royal West Academy
Dunrae Gardens	St. Charles Elementary
Genesis Elementary	St. Patrick's Elementary
Honoré Mercier	Westmount Park Elementary

### Most Improved Membership "Off Island" Schools

Ayer's Cliff Elementary  
Chelsea Elementary  
New Carlisle High School

### Welcome to New Home & School Associations

Belle Anse Elementary	St. Edmund's Elementary
Bonaventure Polyvalent	St. Paul's Elementary
Gaspé Polyvalent	St. Thomas High School
Metis Beach School	Soulanges Elementary
Riverview/Port-Cartier	Wilder Penfield Elementary

Kudos for a job well done to LBPSB closed/merged schools:  
Jubilee, Meadowbrook, and Bishop Whelan

## 2009/10 NEWSLETTER AWARD

Winner: *Garden Views: Gardenview School Newsletter* Editor: Mary Skagos  
Honorable Mention: *Margaret Manson School Newsletter* Editor: Kim Chatterson

## UNsung HERO AWARDS

Beacon Hill Elementary	Kristin Cuttell Gwyneth Edwards Liane Goyette Tracey Connors Andrea Lavoie Lisa Nellis Sue Barbieri Lisa Yee Helen Xenos Lena Stanley Randy Czempoyesh Linda Gimber Natalie Franko Kuljinder Kaur Arzu Seguin Sharon Musgrove Casey Stilwell Hilary Scuffell Gemma Vitti Rita Burnatowski Diana Archer Mary Skagos Paris Tsovras Georgia Chatzidakis Nadia Dionisi Joan Baker Rouslan Boukine Irina Kulkova Joanne Legouffe France Dubois Hazel Robidoux Ashley Kane Ravi Rajen Ann Mitchell Jacquie Patterson Paul Cartmill Julie Jackson Johanna Morrow Karin O'Donohue Arlene Griffin
Bishop Whelan Elementary	
Dorset Elementary School Dorval Elementary School	
Edgewater Elementary School Edinburgh Elementary School	
Evergreen Elementary School Gardenview Elementary School	
Lindsay Place High School Lord Aylmer Elementary School	
New Richmond High School Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary Riverview Elementary School	
Royal West Academy	
Sherwood Forest Elementary	
Thorndale Elementary School	
Westwood High School	

# 66<sup>th</sup> Awards Banquet

Welcome to our AGM 2010

6:30 – 9:30p.m. AWARDS BANQUET (Master of Ceremonies – Diana Donnelly)

• WELCOME

Carol Meindl - President Board of Directors QFHSA

• INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

• AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Pat Lewis Humanitarian Award: St. Edmund School

Gordon Paterson Award: Diane Martello

Leslie N. Buzzell Award: Marlyn Brownrigg

Unsung Hero Award Winners

Golden Torch Award Winners

• CLOSING REMARKS

THANK YOU TO:

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FOR THEIR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Carol Meindl

My first year as President of QFHSA is now under my belt and I can look back at the past year with pride and a renewed sense of determination. We experienced much change at the QFHSA this past year: in the office, in terms of staff, and on the Board, in terms of a restructuring of Committee mandates and activities. It can be a struggle to accommodate empty chairs around a board table when so much work still needs to be done (something every local executive committee can attest to). The QFHSA has set its sights on the new decade and hopes to initiate new programs and projects. We have some great ideas but we need great minds to contribute to them and give them life.

Our on-line survey has been an excellent opportunity to get feedback from our membership, not just from the local associations' executive committee members, but also from the parents "in the trenches" so to speak. We have received valuable opinions regarding our newspaper, the QFHSA NEWS, and in which direction we should be moving. The survey was an opportunity to gauge overall opinion from the membership as to what we do, as a Federation, and what you, the parents, think we should be doing. We acknowledge that there is a significant gap in information getting to the locals. According to the survey, many members are unaware of how the QFHSA operates and can affect policy. Our mission for the last 65 years has been:

*"The Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. is an independent, incorporated, not-for-profit volunteer organization dedicated to enhancing the education and general well being of children and youth.*

*The Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. promotes the involvement of parents, students, educators and the community at large in the advancement of learning and acts as a voice for parents."*

When you read that mission statement and consider all the possibilities suggested and all the various activities and projects Local Home and School Associations promote across the province (as reported in the QFHSA NEWS), we are most definitely not just a "tea and cookies" social club! We have a significant role to play in the shaping of the educational landscape of our children. We just need to hold on to the vision, the determination and continue the effort!! I hope this year's Annual General Meeting will highlight the "bigger picture" and we encourage you to join us around the Board table. Hope to see you there!

Enjoy AGM 2010!

## 2010 AGM COMMITTEES

Coordinators:	Carol Meindl, Rickhey Margolese, Giovanna Spadafora
Book of Reports:	Carol Meindl, Anne MacWhirter
Nominations:	Marlyn Brownrigg
Registration:	Office
Resolutions:	Rickhey Margolese
Awards & Prizes:	AGM Coordinators
	Leslie N Buzzell Award
	Gordon Paterson Award
	Pat Lewis Humanitarian Award
Membership Awards:	Marlyn Brownrigg & Barbara Schnider
Newsletter Awards:	Diane Radu

## MATERIAL IN CONFERENCE KIT

QFHSA - Brochure  
QFHSA – Mission Statement  
QFHSA – History/ Archives Checklist & Memories  
QFHSA – Children’s Literacy Resource Guide (After School Support/ Tweeting for Science)  
QFHSA & Strategic Learning Centre – Homework: Whose Responsibility is it?  
Canadian Council on Learning – Reading the Future  
QESBA – Student Enrolment Figures  
QPAT – Negotiations

### Thank you to:

Jenn Beauregard

2010 AGM Logo Design

## LESLIE N. BUZZELL AWARD

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

## MARLYN BROWNRIGG



Marlyn Brownrigg’s involvement with Home and School started at Valois Park School in Pointe-Claire where she was quick to volunteer with various school activities. She went on to co-chair the Home and School Hospitality and Membership committees. It was not long before she became the co-president at Valois and then the president for many years. At that time, she represented Valois at Regional Council meetings and went on to join the QFHSA Board of Directors.

During the Major School Change (MSC) at LBPSB, Marlyn took the initiative and became very involved on three different committees: LBPSB Major School Change Committee, LBPSB Merger Committee and QFHSA ad hoc MSC Committee where she co-chaired a meeting for Home and School Executives whose schools were closing or merging.

During that Major School Change, she graciously offered to be co-President of Jubilee Home and School to help ease the transition and then went on to become president.

At the provincial level, she soon became QFHSA Vice President and co-chaired the QFHSA Membership Committee. She has always done a fantastic job representing the QFHSA at the national level with the Canadian Home and School Federation.

At the Board level, she has helped to facilitate many workshops, made school visits and helped develop new Home and School Associations. She has planned Executive Appreciation Dinners, Fall Conferences and helped with various duties relating to the Annual General Meeting.

She is extremely dedicated and has made a significant contribution to Home and School at the Local, Provincial and National level and has made a big difference in many local Home and School Associations. For these reasons, we feel honoured to present Marlyn Brownrigg with the Leslie N. Buzzell award.

## GORDON PATERSON AWARD

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

### DIANE MARTELLO

Mrs. Diane Martello, the Sherwood Forest Music Specialist, teaches a love of music to all her students. She is a true Creative Arts Specialist who is really committed to teaching the arts to the children. She also has a knack for identifying the sometimes hidden talents of the parent population and seeks out the help of parents who have an interest in, or a talent, for the arts. Her biggest contribution to the Sherwood Forest community is the yearly musical productions featuring the students of all the Grade 6 graduating classes - sometimes staging three or four full casts of Grade 6 students and sometimes doing up to three different plays per year!



Every child is given a speaking part, which can involve changing scripts and roles. With the large number of students involved, parents become a very important resource and Mrs. Martello can find a job for everyone.

She uses the Grade 5 classes as back-up choir for each cast and the entire school gets involved by learning the songs and the classic stories on which the musicals are based. Volunteer parents are needed for set decoration, rehearsal, back stage and costume supervision.

Mrs. Martello has also introduced a partnership between the children and the Nova Day Center for Seniors as well as piloting the "It's Hip to Hear" project which helps make children aware of the importance of taking care of their hearing. She organized the opening and closing ceremonies for St. Edmund's Olympic Week festivities, involving choir and dance and, thus again, successfully incorporating the arts into other aspects of the school curriculum. We honour Diane Martello for her on-going efforts in promoting the arts and in involving the St Edmund's parents in her productions and in the school.

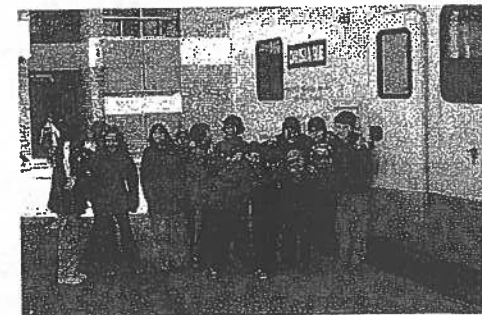
## PAT LEWIS HUMANITARIAN AWARD

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

### St. Edmund Elementary School

"Working Together to Make A Difference"

For many years, St Edmund Elementary has been a supportive environment for a variety of humanitarian causes. The school has been a faithful supporter over the past six years of **Dans La Rue** with monthly food collections, special collections of Easter Chocolate, end-of-the-year "summer pantry stock-ups" and white sock donations.



For the past three years, St Edmund has supported the **Montreal Children's Hospital "Circle of Hugs"** campaign. Each year, Principal Susan Greenberg, accompanied by a group of students, travels to the MCH to present a cheque for the contributions the student's have made. To date, over \$2300.00 has been donated.

A special effort was made this year to provide relief to Haiti. Susan Greenberg explained to the students the scope and impact of the earthquake and gave updates on their on-going campaign's progress. The children were encouraged to do chores and earn money themselves, rather than just ask for contributions. Every student made a card to send to the children in the orphanage they were supporting to "help bring a little touch of beauty into their lives". Over \$3000 was collected.

Many other worthy causes have benefited from the attention and concern of St. Edmund's students, teachers and parents, such as Sierra Leone who will receive school supplies (via Peaceful Schools International), Suitcases for Africa, Hat and Mitten Tree (women's shelter), MS Read-a-thon, Denim Day, Poppy Campaign, Terry Fox Run, and the Virtues Project, to name a few. We honour St Edmund Elementary and their Principal, Susan Greenberg, with the Pat Lewis Humanitarian Award for all the work they continue to do.

# 66<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Saturday, April 24, 2010

11:00am – 5:30pm

## **Wyndham Montreal Airport**

*Petit Salon – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*

Parking in the hotel lot is included.

- 11:00      **REGISTRATION/ BRUNCH**
- 12:00      **WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**  
SPEAKER: Serge Laurendeau, President QPAT  
Membership & Newsletter Prizes
- 12:45      **AGM BUSINESS SESSION**
- 1:45        **CAUCUS SESSION ON RESOLUTIONS**
- 3:15        **REFRESHMENT BREAK**
- 3:30        **AGM BUSINESS SESSION resumes**
- 4:50        **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**
- 5:00        **CLOSE OF BUSINESS MEETING**

**EVALUATION FORM – draw**  
Win a prize for your school's library!!

Please fill out your evaluation form.  
It will help us plan next year's program.

# 66<sup>th</sup> Awards Banquet

*Welcome to our AGM 2010*

*Our theme this year is:*

## **Building our Future... Together!**

*Wyndham Montreal Airport, Grand Salon – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*

- 5:30 p.m.    **HOSPITALITY HOUR – Cash Bar – relax and mingle (Grand Salon Foyer)**
- 6:30 p.m.    **AWARDS BANQUET**  
Dinner will be served in the Grand Salon (on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)  
*Menu:* Salad, braised beef, seasonal vegetables & chocolate mousse  
Wine can be purchased, if so desired.

## *Awards*

- Leslie N. Buzzell Award*      recognizes the achievements of a Home & School member at the provincial level.
- Gordon Paterson Award*      recognizes an outstanding educator who believes in involving parents.
- Lewis Peace Prize*              recognizes an individual or group making a significant contribution towards peace.
- Pat Lewis Humanitarian Award*      recognizes an individual, or group, at the elementary school level, making outstanding efforts toward a humanitarian cause.
- Unsung Hero Award*              recognizes outstanding volunteers within the local school.
- Golden Torch Award*              recognizes the volunteer achievements of Home & School members at the school level.