

# GOLDEN TORCH AWARDS—AGM 2016



*Recognizes the volunteer achievements of Home & School members at the school level.*

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	Nathalie Desbiens		Nata lie Tozzi
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	Jennifer Whiting		Susan Brown
Forest Hill	Isabelle Fleury		Donna Cha pman
	Jennifer Ma roufi	Westwood	Shelley Hall
Gardenview	Marla Di Monte		Kim Miller
	Anna Spetsieris		Lisa Fougere
	Dimitra Demerson		Monique Pannitti
	Lucy Pugliese		Isabelle Fleury
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	Katherine Bizanis		
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	Patty Marinelli		
John Rennie	Mari-Rose Thompson		
	Lorraine da Costa		
	Shirley Ross		
Lauren Hill Academy	Karen Arms trong		
Lindsay Place	Barbara Schnider		
	Carol McGill		
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Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations, Inc.  
La Fédération Québécoise des Associations Foyers – Écoles Inc.

## 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting & Conference



*“Hands Working Together for Education”*

**Saturday, April 30, 2016**

Novotel Hotel, 2599 Alfred Nobel, Ville St Laurent, Quebec



## 2015-2016 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

### HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AS MEMBERS

Beacon Hill Elementary (LBPSB) – Membership Chair: Sue Kennedy

Edgewater Elementary (LBPSB) – Membership Chairs: Brenda Watson and Christine Wilson

### INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

Buckingham Elementary (WQSB) – The Executive Committee

Clearpoint Elementary (LBPSB) – Membership Chair: Michelle Manning

Lauren Hill Academy (EMS B) – Membership Chair: Zoe Mandelos

### WELCOME TO NEW HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

St. Vincent's Elementary (SWLSB)

Mountainview Elementary (SWLSB)



## 2015-2016 NEWSLETTER AWARDS

### Elementary 1st Prize

Evergreen Home and School Newsletter - Editors: Pam Gareau, Christina Ambert

### Honorable Mention

The Wilder Penfield Times - Editors: Jessica Di Pierro, Melanie Wand and Glynis D'Souza

### High School 1st Prize

The Herald (Lindsay Place High School) - Editors: Linda Roach and Lynda Arthur

## UNsung HERO AWARDS—AGM 2016



*Recognizes outstanding volunteers within a local school.*

Beacon Hill	Laura Baldassare Bita Guzman Emanuelle Degenais	Robert Filppin Lauren Hill Academy Anna Marie Lazaris
Birchwood	Tanya Darvell Vanessa Durocher Gisela Kramell Pam Sidhu-Mahal Lynne Bergeron	Lindsay Place Nancy Tellier Macdonald High School Allan Dornan
Chelsea	Cindy Grice Maggie Holmes	Merton Fernanda Di Nezza Ourania Margaritis Elka Eklove Samantha Patel Shaun Callender Sabino Trasente
Dorval	Lisa Sondermeyer	Pierre Elliott Trudeau Sheila Desormeaux
Edgewater	Tricia Lax	St. Thomas Roula Ghandi Caroline Rabbat
Evergreen	Jennifer Buraglia Jennifer Giligan Susan Nowak	Westwood Corole Seto Sheena Purcell Vicki Nuttall Sylvia Harder Gisela Kramell Lou-Anne Wheeler Hood
Forest Hill	Monica Gorician Laura Ross	Wilder Penfield Johanne Mueller
Gardenview	Sophie Bissou Dominique Boucher Mary-Ann Di Loro Caroline Aroyan Georgia Chatzidakis Gaby Simonka Kimberly Colette Stefania Strussone	
Genesis	Julie Beaulieu Sabrina Livornetti Terri Paduano Rosie Martino Maria Spezio Anna Maria Raccio	

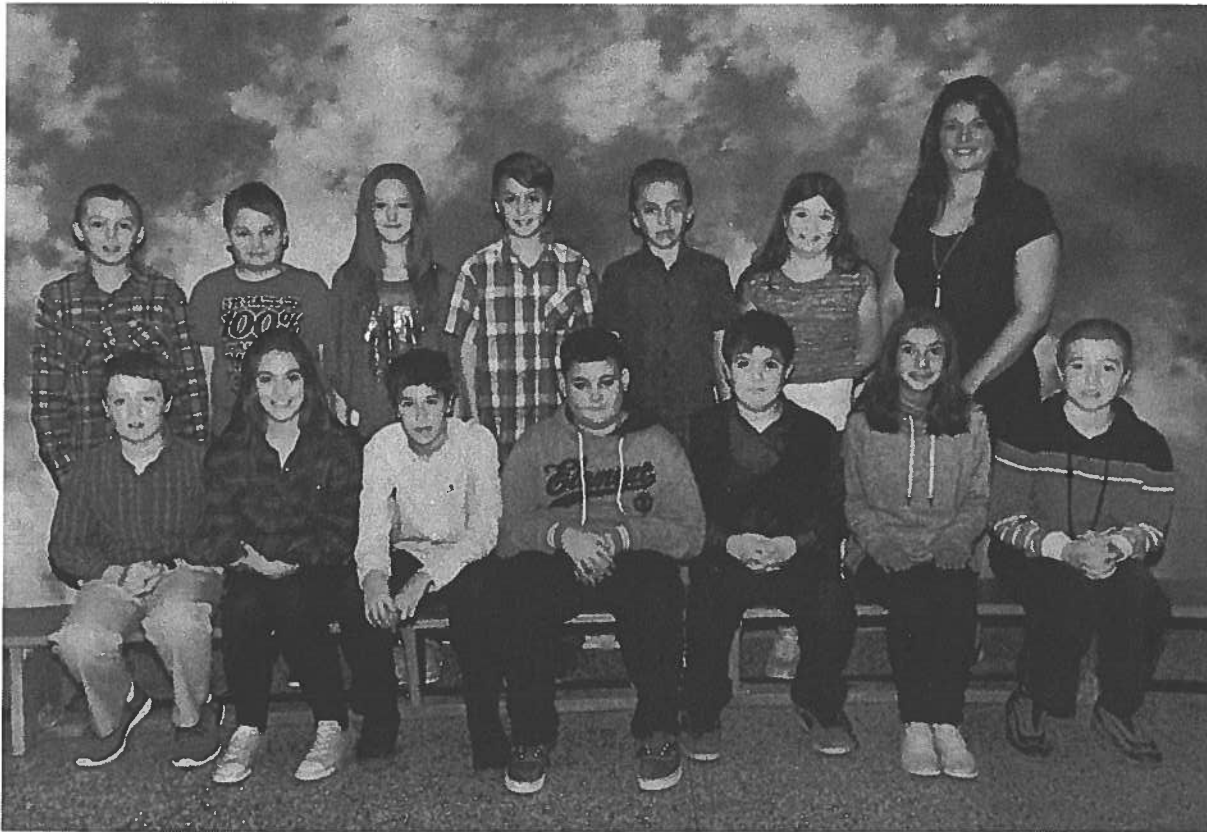
## 2016 PAT LEWIS PEACE PRIZE

*For an individual or group making a significant contribution towards peace.*

In November 2015, Mrs. Vanessa Dasilva's Cycle 3-2 class of fourteen students took it upon themselves to produce an anti-bullying video entitled "Take a Stand Against Bullying." The video needed to be suitable for all children in the school. The students began with an idea board, found quotes that conveyed their message and then filmed the video.

This touching video was shown to all students in the school and shared with the staff and commissioners at the Central Quebec School Board.

The Flemming Elementary School community is very proud of their accomplishments. Bravo!



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the Annual General Meeting and the Awards Banquet. The 2015-2016 school year has been an especially dynamic one for the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc, and our local associations as well.

We have been involved as one of the four sponsoring organizations of the Election Systems Study Panel (ESSP) chaired by the Honourable Marlene Jennings, presenting a brief to the Panel, and endorsing the Jennings Report and its thirteen recommendations.

We continued our leadership role with the Coalition For the Future of English Education in Quebec (COFFEE-Quebec) by chairing seven meetings and hosting two of them in the QFHSA Office.

Our Rights, Education and Resolutions Committee prepared a Brief on Education Bill 86 and effectively delivered a bilingual presentation before the National Assembly of Quebec Culture and Education Committee in Quebec City. The Minister of Education Sebastien Proulx was present and posed some interesting questions that were responded to very well by our presenters.

My sincere appreciation goes out to our QFHSA Executive Committee, the QFHSA Board of Directors, the local association Presidents, Executive Members, and volunteer members who are so dedicated to making our schools better places in which to learn for our children. A final thank you for the excellent work accomplished by our Executive Director Carol Meind, Membership Coordinator Marilyn Brownrigg, Administrative Assistant Charlene McFarlane, and to Marion Daigle and Carol Ohlin of the Archives Project.

Yours in education,

Brian Rock, President

## AGM 2016 COMMITTEES

AGM Arrangements: Carol Meindl, Marlyn Brownrigg, Charlene McFarlane

Nominations: Leah Trineer, Chair

RER (Rights, Education and Resolutions) Committee:

Linton Garner, Chair - Rights Sub-Committee

Ginette Sauv -Frankel, Chair - Education Sub-Committee

Rickhey Margolese, Chair - Resolutions Sub-Committee

Awards and Prizes: Carol Meindl, Marlyn Brownrigg, Carol Ohlin, Charlene McFarlane

List of 2016 Awards and Prizes: Gordon Paterson Award

Pat Lewis Humanitarian Award (2)

Lewis Peace Prize

Membership Awards: Marlyn Brownrigg

Newsletter Awards: Charlene McFarlane, Martha Farley, Carol Ohlin

Program Design: Christina Franc - Qu'anglo Communications & Consulting

## Additional Thanks

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## 2016 PAT LEWIS HUMANITARIAN AWARD

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

**SJF Elementary Community Walk**—Over the past seven years, St. John Fisher Elementary School, together with the Home and School Association (Hands) has organized a Community Walk fundraiser. The purpose of our Community Walk is to develop an awareness in the students that there are people in our local community who are in need and to also teach the students about the importance of giving back to our community.

Over six hundred students raise funds by asking family, neighbours, and friends to donate towards this great cause. Together the students, staff and parents then participate in a 2km walk around the Valois (Pointe Claire) community in the month of May. Local merchants and residents come out to cheer on the students and the local police happily escort the very long trail of walkers thus making the event a wonderful school spirited time together - rain or shine! Each year we raise about \$8000.00; 10% of the funds raised is given to our SJF Social Action Team and to three local organizations.

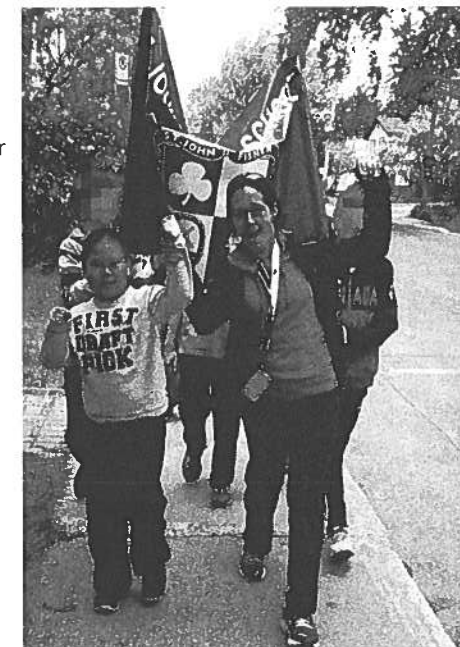
The 2015 organizations that benefitted from our fundraiser are:

*Big Brothers and Sisters of the West Island:* A child and youth mentoring charity that facilitates life-changing relationships.

*West Island Citizen Advocacy:* Recruits, screens and matches volunteer advocates with those who are handicapped, disadvantaged, or senior.

*Youth Unlimited La Corde:* A youth centre that offers many meals a week to 50 kids, an after-school spot for children to hang out, mentoring programs and so much more.

*SJF Social Action Team:* Empowers students to make a difference in our communities, our country and around the world through a group project.





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The Chelsea-Enyandeni School Twinning Project began in the fall of 2009. The project aims to connect Chelsea Elementary students and staff to a school community in rural Africa. This project is the second international school twinning that Céline Brault has spearheaded in the time that she has been at Chelsea.

In October 2009, Mme Brault helped a team of Grade 6 students to prepare an audio-visual presentation to introduce Chelsea students to Zimbabwe and to provide insights into day-to-day life in the rural community of Enyandeni in Matabeleland, Zimbabwe. In January 2010, Mme Brault travelled to Enyandeni to deliver the package to the school. The staff and students of Enyandeni Primary warmly welcomed her family at an all school assembly that marked the official launch of the twinning project.

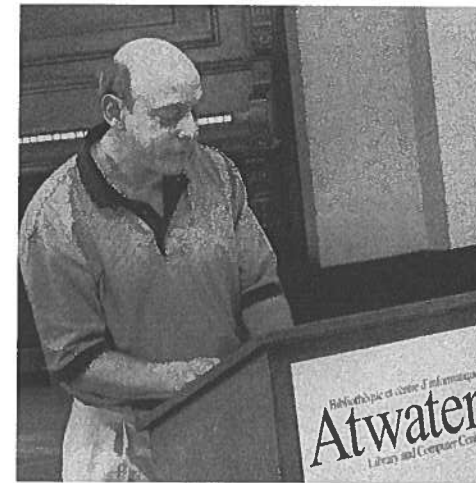


Since then, Chelsea Elementary students have sent several packages containing personal letters and beautiful class projects, such as books and trilingual dictionaries written and illustrated by Chelsea students. To date, Chelsea School has raised over \$7 000, which helped Enyandeni Primary School build a much-needed classroom for the Kindergarten students. This year, the Cycle 3 students of Chelsea Elementary continue to write letters and share information and will be raising funds to help build a school library.



## 2016 GORDON PATERSON AWARD

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



### Daniel Olivenstein

Danny (as most parents know him) is our local LBPSB school commissioner and a member of the Westwood High School Home and School. He is not just a commissioner, he is a father, a teacher, a mentor and a wonderful resource for parents. He can usually be seen at schools in Hudson and St. Lazare, attending meetings, talking with parents and staff, attending music concerts, craft fairs and is always there for support. After a long day of work at the EMSB with a group of special needs young adults, Danny is usually scheduled running from one governing board meeting to another at Evergreen, Birchwood, Mount Pleasant, Forest Hill JR and SR and Westwood JR and SR, all the while trying to keep up with the Montreal Canadiens hockey scores in between. He has been a member of the Westwood Home and School for many, many years even though his own son is well off to university these days and entering the work world.

After graduating from Concordia, Danny began his teaching career in 1977 with the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal and the Shawbridge Youth Centres. He was one of the first teachers at the newly formed Mountainview School, the first English social service school in Montreal. He took a brief leave in 1990 to teach in the northern Quebec community of Chisasibi with the Cree School Board. Upon his return in 1993, Danny found he could use his experiences from Chisasibi with the ever-increasing number of students with severe learning disabilities back at Batshaw, where he still works every day as a teacher/consultant with a group of disabled young adults.

Despite his busy schedule, Danny usually manages to attend our monthly home and school meetings at Westwood where he gives us a heads up of what is happening that concerns us at the school board, has helped us through the last 2 major school changes at LBPSB and with the current issues with Bill 86. Forever in good humor, Danny is always available after meetings, by email or any time to help out parents with questions on anything. He will even continue discussions in the school parking lot long after the custodians have closed up and left! As a long time member of the LBPSB Special Needs Advisory Committee, he is an especially knowledgeable resource for parents where special needs children are concerned. Any question you have on IEPs, programs available in the LBPSB and EMSB, Danny will always make time for parents. He knows what it is like navigating the system with a child with special needs. Danny is also famous for his apple pies, which he graciously donates several to the Westwood Craft Fair Bake Sale each fall. You have to get there early to buy one since they fly off the tables! Danny is always a welcome sight at our Home and School and feel he is a most-deserving recipient of the Gordon Paterson Award!

# 72 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Novotel Hotel

- 10:00 am REGISTRATION / COFFEE  
Registration table in front of ballroom
- 10:30 am WELCOME, OPENING REMARKS & GREETINGS
- 10:45 am Guest speaker: Dr. Cathrine Le Maistre  
Advisory Board on English Education
- 11:45 am LUNCH EXPRESS
- 12:15 pm AGM BUSINESS SESSION
- 2:15 pm COFFEE BREAK
- 2:30 pm AGM BUSINESS SESSION RESUMES
- 4:45 pm INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
- 5:00 pm ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSE OF BUSINESS MEETING
- 5:15 pm MEMBERSHIP & NEWSLETTER AWARDS

## EVALUATION FORM – Door Prizes

*Win a prize for your school's library!  
Please fill out your evaluation form.*

*(An electronic evaluation form will be mailed to you at a later date).  
It will help us plan for next year's program.*

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# 72 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Welcome to our AGM 2016

Novotel Hotel

REGISTRATION TABLE BY THE ELEVATOR

5:30 pm HOSPITALITY HOUR

Cash Bar – relax and mingle (Grand Salon Foyer)

6:30 pm AWARDS BANQUET FOLLOWED BY DANCING (Grand Salon)

Wine can be purchased, if so desired.

◆ Master of Ceremonies - Dr. Laurie Betito

◆ WELCOME - Carol Meindl, Executive Director

◆ INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

◆ AWARD PRESENTATIONS:

Gordon Paterson Award

Daniel Olivenstein, Commissioner—Lester B. Pearson School Board

Lewis Peace Prize

Flemming Elementary School Cycle 3-2 Class

Pat Lewis Humanitarian Awards

Chelsea Elementary School—Enyandeni School Twinning Project

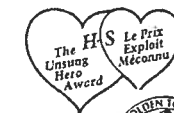
St. John Fisher Elementary School Annual Community Walk

Unsung Hero Award Winners

Golden Torch Award Winners

◆ CLOSING REMARKS

◆ FOLLOWED BY DANCE



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