



UNSUNG HERO AWARDS—QFHSA 2014

Recognizes outstanding volunteers within a local school.

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Sherwood Forest Elementary School	Kim Bailet	Gail Gendron
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St. Thomas High School	Loretta Carter Michelle D'Elia	Athena Michakis Trudie Mason
Thorndale Elementary School	Isabelle Capitran	Tricia Shoot
Westwood High School	Pauline Breton Judy Mitchell Kim Miller Christine Badour Vicki Nuttall	Carole Seto Doris Myles Ruzilo Donna Graham Rhonda Gold
Wilder Penfield Elementary School	Kerry Donoghue Trish Meleras Adrienne Nahanni	Joyce Shanks Tracy Lemesurier



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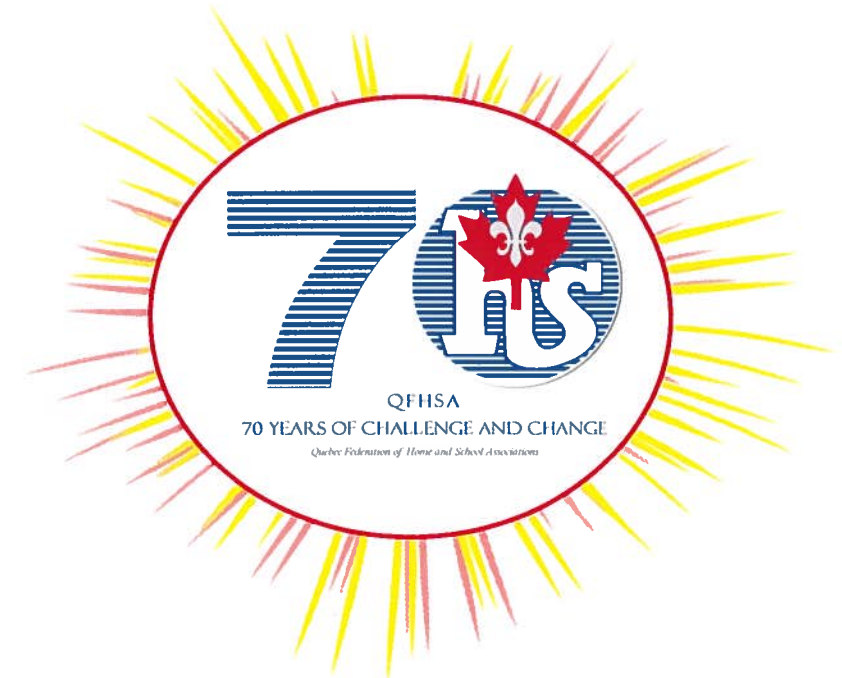
passing on the torch for 70 years !



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2014 QFHSA Annual General Meeting and Awards Banquet

“70 Years of Challenge and Change”



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2014 Canadian Home and School Federation AWARDS CEREMONY

The Canadian Home and School Federation
La Fédération Canadienne des Associations Foyer-École
The National Voice of Canadian Parents

Saturday, May 3, 2014

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

2013-2014 QFHSA MEMBERSHIP AWARDS



ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS Membership Chair

Ayer's Cliff Elementary (ETSB) *Christine Cutler*
 Beacon Hill Elementary (LBPSB) *Sarah Thomas*
 Dunrae Gardens Elementary (EMSB) *Amber Cornish*
 Greendale Elementary (LBPSB) *Charm Skoularicos*

HIGH SCHOOL Membership Chair

Westwood High School (LBPSB) *Colleen Jackson*

Welcome to New Home & School Associations

Poltimore Elementary (WQSB) *Rhonda Boucher, President*
 Eardley Elementary (WQSB) *Tiffany Raymond, President*



2013-2014 QFHSA NEWSLETTER AWARDS

Elementary 1st Prize

William Latter School, *Editor: Priscilla Benfeito*

Honorable mention PETES (Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School), *Editor: Rosemary Barics*

High School 1st Prize

Macdonald High - @ Mac Link, *Editors: Tara Glover & Jennifer Mohr*

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Beacon Hill Elementary School	Samantha Laff Janet Cowper Gabrielle Guillon	Tanya Cloetta Emily Wang
Birchwood Elementary School	Nattali De Medeiros	
Buckingham Elementary School	Arlene Brunke	Suzanne Laurin
Dorset Elementary School	Lisa Marie Handy Robyn Ghantous Karolyn Kostlivy	Andrea Hayden Belinda Brennan
Dorval Elementary School	Pam Newton Shelly Klein	Caroline Elias Anna Cantos
Dunrae Gardens Elementary School	Stamatia Tzavaris Sarah Goblot Jennifer Bastien Fotini Markopoulos Marie-Noelle Rivard	Elisa Ruffini Monica Krieger Sophie Robichon Mireille Tehbelian
Edgewater Elementary School	Athanasia Antonopoulos	Daphne Amster
Edinburgh Elementary School	Victoria Stuhec Mary Bianchini Sue Maheu	Jeanne Rheaume Colin McGilton Julie Rivet
Forest Hill Elementary School	Melanie Gelinas Jennifer Maroufi	Carolyn Motomura Zaf Koty
Gardenview Elementary School	Marina Petrolekas Maureen Leeman Annalisa Cotellessa	Chrisa Kontoyannis Sophie Bisson
John Rennie High School	Dawn Schamerhorn	
Lindsay Place High School	Nancy Tellier Charyl Hyndman	Maureen Whalen Barbara Schnider
MacDonald High School	Susan Tuff	
Royal Vale Elementary School	Wendy McDonell-Côté	
Pierre Elliot Trudeau Elementary School	Sandi Cook	

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GOLDEN TORCH AWARDS—QFHS 2014



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

Beacon Hill Elementary School	Elaine Monaco	
Birchwood Elementary School	Ania Sopala	
Buckingham Elementary School	Christine McDermid	
Dorset Elementary School	Valery Bradley	
Dorval Elementary School	Wendy Rhicard	Dina Cerone
Dunrae Gardens Elementary School	Brenda Michetti Kimberly Battah Patricia Willis	Amber Cornish Pina Bentivegna
Edgewater Elementary School	Lorna Parker	Pavolina Owczar
Forest Hill Elementary School	Sabrina Sollecito	
Gardenview Elementary School	Nina Tzemopoulos Betty Skagkos Marla DiMonte	Connie Di Iorio Cristina Iacobacci Dimitra Demerson
Lindsay Place High School	Jenny Eng	Lynne Lesiak
MacDonald High School	Julie Lafontaine	
Pierre Elliot Trudeau Elementary School	Amanda Paas	
Sherwood Forest	Linda Lee Ross Rebecca Tortosa	Valerie Douglas
St. Charles Elementary School	Kim Fraser	Theresa Long
Westwood High School	Colleen Jackson	
Wilder Penfield Elementary School	Tina Sunseri Maria Di Nezza	Nancy Armenti

QFHS 2014 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AGM 2014

The Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations created the awards we will be presenting tonight to recognize and honour those individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. Their dedication and compassion for their students and fellow man has been inspiring to all and we have been blessed with 70 years of role models to look up to. Talk about passing a torch!



From the first Paterson and Buzzell awards to our Unsung Hero awards we have seen countless volunteers work behind the scenes, in cooperation with staff and administration, to make school a fun and challenging place for all students to grow and develop.

I would like to thank each and everyone here with us today for the time and energy they have dedicated to education and their children's school and trust that Home and School is truly a legacy that can continue for yet another 70 years.

Enjoy the day! Pay it forward!

Lawrence DePoe,

QFHS President



SAMUEL R. LAYCOCK MEMORIAL AWARD—CHSF 2014

*This award is presented to an educator who loves children and is interested in the education of all children;
Someone who relates well to children, teachers and parents, enlisting their cooperation.
Someone who has dynamic leadership qualities and inspires others to achieve;
and has made a real contribution to relations between the school and the home.*



LEO LA FRANCE

Many of us are familiar with the name of Leo La France. He has graced the QFHSA Annual General Meetings and Fall Conferences for many years, bringing greetings to our members as well as the most up to date information from the Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sport.

Leo's passion for education is well-known. His encouragement of parental participation in the educational experience of students is long-standing, from his early years as teacher at Lindsay Place and Beaconsfield High schools, to Principal at Ecole Primaire Harwood (1988-1994) and at Ecole Primaire Pointe-Claire (1994-1995) and on to his role as Assistant Deputy

Minister for English Education in Quebec. He has been involved with just about every provincial level committee representing the English sector and has always been a firm believer in the value of the public school system.

Leo believes that education is about people and the more people that are involved at various levels, the better; be they students, parents, teachers, administrators, or staff. That is why he has always encouraged parents to play an active role in the education of their children and has been such a firm supporter of the Home and School movement in Quebec. He received the QFHSA Gordon Paterson Award for his lifetime of service to the education of children and for advocating the involvement of parents. He has worked tirelessly to promote the English school system in Quebec and has shown outstanding leadership and vision.

QFHSA was honoured to nominate Leo La France for the CHSF Samuel R. Laycock Memorial Award and is thrilled that he has been chosen as the recipient for 2014. It is so well deserved. Thank you for all you have given, Leo!

QFHSA AGM 2014 COMMITTEES

AGM Arrangements:	Patricia Willis and Rosalind Hoenig, Co-Chairs Committee Members: Carol Meindl, Shadi Asadollahi, Marlyn Brownrigg, Mary Skagos
Nominations:	Rosalind Hoenig, Chair
Resolutions:	Rickhey Margolese, Chair
Rights and Education:	Rickhey Margolese and Mona Segal, Co-Chairs
Awards and Prizes:	Mona Segal, Joyce Shanks and Carol Meindl List of Awards and Prizes: Gordon Paterson Award Pat Lewis Environmental Award Pat Lewis Humanitarian Award Lewis Peace Prize
Membership Awards:	Marlyn Brownrigg
Newsletter Awards:	Martha Farley
Program Design:	Lisa Fougère



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PAT LEWIS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD—QFHSA 2014

For an individual or group, at the elementary or high school level, who has shown outstanding efforts toward an environmental cause.

GARDENVIEW EARTH CLUB WITH MS. VALERIE HONIG-NANDHRA, GARDENVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



At Gardenview Elementary, one teacher stands out as going above and beyond the call of teaching. Ms. Valerie Honig-Nandhra has not only opened the world of science to all the students but has enriched the school and the students with so much more. Her initiation of an Earth Club has increased the amount of recycling done and has made the children aware of the excess garbage produced needlessly. The children, who meet during the lunch hour, perform a garbage audit, weighing the amounts of garbage that a regular lunch day generates and then compare it to a Litter-less lunch day. The students have learned that indeed, "Every little bit helps." The students support the print cartridge and cell phone recycling programs at school and have recently started composting. Through the Science Fair organized by Ms. Valerie Honig-Nandhra, students have one more opportunity to learn more, question, invent and explore ways to preserve the world around them.

Gardenview parents are very appreciative of everything that students have been doing through their Earth Club and it is our pleasure to award them with the first Pat Lewis Environmental Award.

MAYBELLE DURKIN HEALTH ADVOCACY AWARD—CHSF 2014

To an individual who has worked to improve the health awareness of children, to emphasize the importance of each individual who attempts to make a difference and to provide recognition and appreciation of membership activities.

EDDY NOLAN



Over the years, Roslyn Elementary has worked tirelessly to teach their children that together their efforts really can make a positive difference in the lives of others. The children at Roslyn have a clear sense of what it means to be part of a community, both locally and globally. Their awareness of issues that affect people in Montreal, as well as other parts of the world, is remarkable and at every sign of need or struggle, the students have taken action.

One exceptional individual has played a key role in developing this sense of awareness in the students and demonstrates what one individual can accomplish with determination and perseverance: Eddy Nolan.

Eddy Nolan is one of the few Canadians who has participated in every Terry Fox Run since the beginning in 1980. He has personally educated the children at Roslyn on this important Canadian hero and what Terry did to raise money and awareness regarding the effects and treatments of cancer. Roslyn children know that they can play a role not only in protecting themselves, but also in helping society find a cure for this disease.

Eddy's own struggle with the effects of cancer, in his life and that of his family, has shown the children what it means to never give up, to keep one's dreams alive and to give everything that you can for a cause that you believe in.

Eddy Nolan is, without a doubt, an inspiration and a role model to children and it is a privilege for CHSF to honour him with this award.



Courtesy of The Terry Fox Foundation

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD—CHSF 2014

*Created in the "International Year of the Volunteer 2001"
to celebrate the role of volunteers in Canada.*

*This award recognizes exceptional volunteer commitment to the
Canadian Home and School Federation and the provincial affiliate..*

ANNE MACWHIRTER



Anne MacWhirter has been a member of Home and School, one way or another, for 45 years. During that time, she has worn many hats: as president, membership chair, as vice president at the local association of her children's schools, and as a Director on the provincial board of the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations, for almost too many years to count!

As QFHSA representative to Canadian Home and School Federation she not only brought the perspective of the Quebec parents to the table but also served as mentor to subsequent CHSF representatives, showing them the ropes, so to speak, and making their experience less intimidating and more rewarding.

Anne has always been passionate about education and literacy, as an elementary school teacher in the Gaspé region of Quebec and also as a volunteer through her various community group activities. One of her cherished projects continues to be the Born to Read project, whose aim is to encourage new mothers to start reading to their babies as early as possible. Recently, Anne participated in Parent Child Mother Goose, a program to help parents and children enrich their lives with songs, rhymes and stories. Anne participated in a ten-week session with parents and young children teaching them many ways to help children appreciate language.

Although Anne has officially retired from teaching (35 years), she is only wearing one less hat than usual, and has many years in which to add a few more to her collection. Anne exemplifies the model of dedication to volunteerism, clearly enjoying what she does. We are grateful for her contributions to CHSF, QFHSA, New Carlisle and Shigawake Home and School Associations and her community at large. Thank you, Anne!



PAT LEWIS HUMANITARIAN AWARD—QFHSA 2014

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

WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL - WESTWOOD SENIORS IDP (INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM)



For the last 13 years or more, Westwood Seniors have been visiting a country in Central or South America to work on a humanitarian project, live with local families to learn about the culture and to see a bit of the wider world beyond their own back yards.

This year, 18 students, along with Ute Wilkinson (librarian) and Alexandra Lanthier (French teacher) have been building a pre-school in Peru in a village called Pomac III. Organized by Kepri Expeditions, the students worked under the guidance of 2 maestros to finish a building made out of mud bricks and plaster. They bonded with their host families, ate local fare and experienced a different culture and way of life. These students have come back more mature, more generous and more sure of themselves, with a quiet confidence that tells us that their view of their place in the world has changed.

The students have had an opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of people in a village far away and have left it better than they found it. Their legacy is the good they have done in the world and the inspiration that they serve as to a new generation to go out and pay it forward.

The Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations is honoured to present the 2014 Pat Lewis Humanitarian Award to the Westwood Senior's International Development Program. Congratulations!

LEWIS PEACE PRIZE —QFHSA 2014

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

DORSET PEACE PALS PROGRAM, DORSET ELEMENTARY

The Dorset Peace Pals program has been an integral part of the Dorset Community for 17 years. Under the guidance of the five (5) coordinators Ms. LaFramboise, Ms. Harwood, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Kollar and Mrs. Martini, students are given an opportunity to develop and demonstrate leadership, problem solving, altruism, team-building and a sense of community. These are skills that will serve them well in school and in their future life.

The idea behind the Peace Pals program is that kids are best at helping other kids deal with challenging issues that may come up. The Peace Pals students patrol the playground to encourage inclusion and peaceful conflict resolution, play a significant role in Remembrance Day Assembly and they assist in many other ways as well. They brainstorm to come up with new projects that will benefit their school, their local community as well as the international community. This year, the group has chosen the Montreal Children's Hospital as their community project and is making plans to fundraise.



The Peace Pals program is a tradition that the students identify with very strongly as it disseminates the message of peace, tolerance and goodwill among students. The Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations is honoured to recognize these students for their hard work and important contributions to school and community life.

GORDON PATERSON AWARD—QFHSA 2014

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

CRAIG HODGSON



Craig Hodgson, who joined the staff at John Rennie High school in 2006, has created an excellent Music Program that has given the students an incredible educational experience. He has exemplified the spirit of cooperation with his open and honest collaboration with the parent's committee who fundraise, publish programs and help with communication, etc.

From organizing early morning practices throughout the week so that the Grade 8 Concert Band, the Senior Concert Band and the Jazz Band all have an opportunity to practice outside of class time, to providing free time to review issues/ or ideas with parents, he has always been a teacher open to new ideas and shows everyone what can be accomplished with hard work, dedication and enthusiasm.

As the only staff member of the music program at John Rennie, he accomplishes a great deal and stands out as one of the most co-operative and dedicated of teachers. No wonder the John Rennie parents are so proud of him!

Thanks to his energy and passion, his students are excelling. The Thursday Jazz Band won gold and the Friday Jazz Band won silver at the Musicfest Nationals in Toronto in 2013.

It is the QFHSA's pleasure to award Mr. Craig Hodgson with the Gordon Paterson Award to recognize an outstanding educator who has given long service to the education of children and has encouraged the participation of parents in school life.



Annual General Meeting

Welcome to our AGM 2014

Novotel Hotel, St. Laurent

- 10:00 am REGISTRATION / COFFEE
- 10:30 am WELCOME, OPENING REMARKS & GREETINGS
- 11:00 am KEY NOTE SPEAKER: CLIFFORD LINCOLN
- 12:00 pm AGM BUSINESS SESSION
MEMBERSHIP/NEWSLETTER AWARDS
- 1:00 pm LUNCH
- 1:45 pm AGM BUSINESS SESSION CONTINUES
- 3:00 pm CAUCUS: VOTING ON RESOLUTIONS
- 3:30 pm BREAK
- 3:45 pm NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS TO BOARD
- 4:45 pm INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSE
OF BUSINESS MEETING



Awards Banquet

Saturday, May 3, 2014

Novotel Hotel, St. Laurent

- 5:00 pm HOSPITALITY HOUR (Foyer outside Ballroom)
Cash Bar - relax and mingle and visit our Archive Exhibit
 - 6:30 pm CHSF AWARDS BANQUET (Ballroom)
 - ◆ Samuel R. Laycock Memorial Award: Leo La France
 - ◆ Maybelle Durkin Health Advocacy Award: Eddy Nolan
 - ◆ CHSF Volunteer Recognition Award: Anne MacWhirter
 - 7:00 pm DINNER
 - 8:30 pm QFHSA AWARDS BANQUET
 - ◆ Gordon Paterson Award: Craig Hodgson
 - ◆ Lewis Peace Prize: Dorset Peace Pals Program, Dorset Elementary
 - ◆ Pat Lewis Humanitarian Award: Westwood Seniors International Development Program, Westwood High School
 - ◆ Pat Lewis Environmental Award: Ms. Valerie Honig-Nandhra's Earth Club, Gardenvue Elementary School
- Unsung Hero Award Winners
Golden Torch Award Winners
- ◆ CLOSING REMARKS FOLLOWED BY DANCE



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