



## 2017 GOLDEN TORCH AWARDS

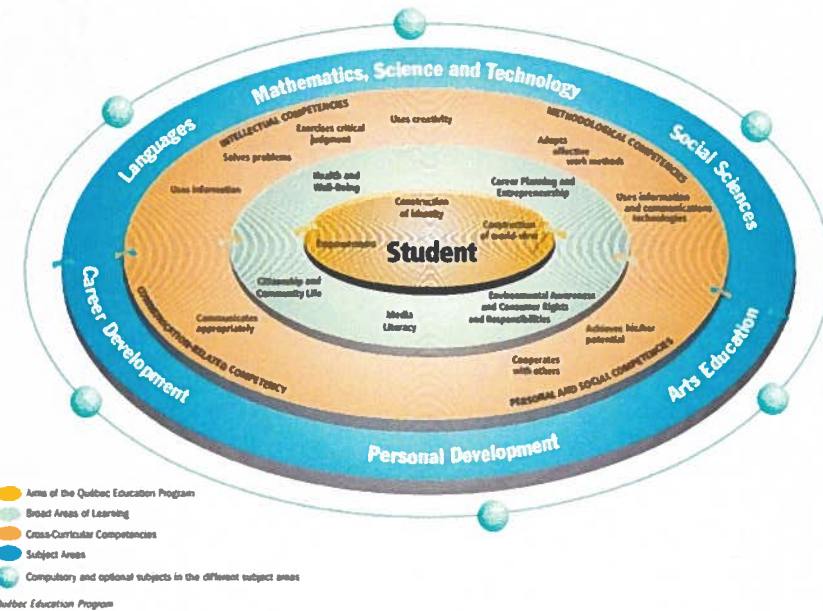
Recognizes the volunteer achievements of Home & School members at the school level.

Beacon Hill	Laura Baldassare Tanya Cloetta	John Rennie Lindsay Place	Stephanie Johnstone Charyl Hyndman
Dorval	Nancy Greig	Lord Aylmer	Angele Duval-Belanger
Edgewater	Kimberly Ecclestone		Pamela Birkett
Edinburgh	Ester Bolofer Sissi Gravel Bill Itovich	PETES South Hull	Lynn Dettmers Skye Cameron
Evergreen	Monique Szabo Jennifer Buraglia	St. Charles	Sandra Booth Debbi Marsellos Kendra Hutcheon
Forest Hill	Colleen Sardinha Anastasia Proulx	Westwood	Shelley Hall Isabelle Fleury
Gardenview	Teresa Scarano Katherine Bizanis	Wilder Penfield	Nikki Bradford Daniela Cimaglia
Genesis	Tina Rosato Patty Marinelli Sandra Pisegna Anita Catalani		



Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations  
La Fédération Québécoise des Associations Foyers – Écoles

## 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting & Awards Banquet



*“Education in the 21st Century: the first 20 years”*

**Saturday, April 29, 2017**

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





# UNSUNG HERO AWARDS—AGM 2017

*Recognizes outstanding volunteers within a local school.*

Beacon Hill	Jennifer Hewitson Michelle Mills Darcy Moncada	John Rennie Lindsay Place	Heather Szemenyei Nancy Tellier Jackie Lecomte Finola Hogan
Dorval	Kate Doe		
Edgewater	Jean Quenneville	Lord Aylmer	Karren Mercer Jenn Ouellette Natalie Fillion
Edinburgh	Cindy Itovitch		
Evergreen	Jennifer Gilligan Romanie Vernham Pam Gareau Christina Ambert Dawn Gillean Diane Barone Clare Atkin Val Provost Susan Nowak Sharen Keskull-Moffatt Michelle Bartmanovich Lori Towers Jo-Anna Bevan	Merton        PETES     South Hull	Andrea Lewarne Lisa Hochberg Dalia Giorgi Shaun Callendar Samantha Patel Jason Bowen  Anne-Marie Hastings Kim Grenier Heather Burnett Susana Melo Jackie Barbieri  Sylvie Giroux Crystal Chabassol Cathy Poch
Forest Hill	Jennifer Maroufi Ana Zamora Monica Gorician	Westwood	Lou-Anne Wheeler-Hood Sylvia Harder Donna Graham Sylvia Graham Kim Miller Julie Gibeault Goyer Carole Seto Lee Monique Pannitti
Gardenview	Lisa Fong Julia Arui Franca Pennino Alexia Kontolemos Maureen Matulina Sophie Bisson		
Genesis	Josie Brescia Sandi Di Fruscia Maria Albanese Maria Abbraccio Anick Brunet	Wilder Penfield	Tracey Lemesurier Sue Narducci

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the Annual General Meeting and the Awards Banquet. The 2016-2017 school year has been an especially dynamic one for the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations and our local associations as well.

We have continued to be involved as one of the leading volunteer organizations of the education sector providing an important voice of parents and families on issues of concern.

We continue our leadership role with the Committee for the Enhancement of the Curriculum of the History of Québec.

It has been the main issue addressed by our QFHSA Rights, Education, and Resolutions Committee.

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 Meindl, Membership Coordinator Marlyn Brownrigg, Administrative Assistant Sheila Desormeaux, and to Marion Daigle and Carol Ohlin of the Archives Project.

Yours in education,  
Brian Rock, President

## 2017 Leslie N. Buzzell Award

*Established in 1950, this award recognizes an individual who has shown outstanding volunteer service to Home and School provincially, and for furthering the aims of Home and School in general.*

### Wanda Leah Trineer

QFHSA Director and long-time member of Roslyn Elementary Home and School Association.

Leah Trineer has served on the QFHSA Board of Directors since 2006 and has been a member of her local Home and School Association at Roslyn for the past 16 years. Even after her daughter Hannah graduated from elementary school, Leah continued to stay involved at Roslyn, a school she clearly loved. In response to an anticipated 100th anniversary of Roslyn school in 2008, Leah played an important role in the establishment of the Roslyn School Foundation in 2005 with the intention to help raise funds to upgrade the school playground. She helped revitalize the afterschool activities program and got it back on track. She utilized her financial background to form a Finance Committee at Roslyn with then Principal Jim McMorran to review the lunch monitor program. She initiated the Born to Read program at Roslyn which has been on-going for the past 13 years.

Nominated from the floor at the AGM in 2005 by Mia Ginter, a fellow Roslyn parent, she joined the QFHSA Board of Directors in 2006. It seemed she no sooner sat down at the board table when she was appointed to the Executive as a Vice president. Executive Vice-president soon followed by 2008 and she served as Literacy Chair from 2013-15 as well as putting her own background in finance to good use as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee from 2013 to present. In many ways, Leah has used her considerable talents to help her chosen organizations prosper.

Leah's dedication to further the aims of Home and school by supporting literacy activities and financial diligence has been significant and has been greatly appreciated both provincially by the QFHSA and locally by the members of the Roslyn Elementary Home and School Association.



## AGM 2017 COMMITTEES

AGM Arrangements: Tanim Ghosh, Linton Garner, Carol Meindl,  
Marlyn Brownrigg, Sheila Desormeaux

Nominations: Rosemary Murphy, Chair



List of 2017 Awards and Prizes: Gordon Paterson Award  
Leslie N. Buzzell Award

Membership Awards: Marlyn Brownrigg

Newsletter Awards: Martha Farley, Carol Ohlin, Carol Meindl

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## 2016-2017 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

### HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AS MEMBERS

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

Beacon Hill Elementary (LBPSB) – Membership Chair: Tanya Cloetta

### INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP from 2015-16

St. Edmund Elementary (LBPSB) – Membership Chair: Trina Sarin

St. Anthony Elementary (LBPSB) – Membership Chair: Tania Corsi

Mountainview Elementary (SWLSB) – President: Jonathan Leggitt

### WELCOME TO NEW HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

Grosse Ile (ESSB), Butler Elementary (ETSB), Children's World Academy (LBPSB)

Merged Schools (LBPSB): Kingsdale Academy, Lasalle Elementary Junior and Senior, Sherbrooke Academy.

## 2016-2017 NEWSLETTER AWARDS

### Elementary 1st Prize

Pierre Elliot Trudeau Elementary School (PETES)

Newsletter Coordinator, Heather Burnett

### High School 1st Prize

The Beacon-Beaconsfield High School

Editor, Kim Denver



## 2017 Gordon Paterson Award

*In 1973, thanks to the initiative and generosity of past president Doreen Richter, a new award was created to recognize an outstanding educator who had given long service to Quebec education and had encouraged the participation of parents.*

### Galina Stepanova

The Genesis Elementary Home and School Association has nominated Galina Stepanova for the Gordon Paterson Award. Galina strongly encourages parental involvement in her classroom and she welcomes parents on a regular basis to participate in the scheduled classroom activities. She encourages parents to plan and animate special activities with her for the children such as: creating Valentine treats, baking apple pie and making applesauce in the Fall, Halloween parties in the classroom, an Easter Egg Hunt in the Spring. On top of all that, Galina co-coordinates the jogging club as well as leads the gardening club.

As an experienced Kindergarten teacher, Galina understands the many benefits of parental involvement in the classroom. This has helped many of her students make a smooth transition into elementary school and also to develop positive attitudes towards school and learning. In addition, Galina collaborates closely with the members of the Genesis Home and School Association, to know more about upcoming projects and to request funds for her own pedagogical needs. She invites parents to collaborate to plan the Kindergarten Graduation at the end of the school year, and in the past, parents have prepared souvenir gifts for the students (including DVDs and photos). Galina feels very strongly about inviting parent chaperones to school outings and enjoys seeing parents bond with one another.

Galina has been on staff at Genesis Elementary for 15 years and is also an active member of the Governing Board. She maintains a very close relationship with the members of the executive team of the Home & School Association and regularly asks for H&S news.

In short, her door is always open and her relationship with parents is also very open and transparent. She excels pedagogically and in developing personal relationships within the community and is greatly appreciated by the parents and students of Genesis Elementary.



# 73rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Novotel Hotel

- 10:00-10:30 am REGISTRATION / COFFEE
- 10:30-11 am WELCOME & GREETINGS from Guests
- 11-12 pm Keynote speaker: Ron Turchyniak  
Tech Consultant SWLSB  
Education in the 21st Century: the first 20 years
- 12-1 pm LUNCH
- 1-2:15 pm AGM BUSINESS SESSION I
- 2:15-2:30 pm COFFEE BREAK
- 2:30-3:30 pm AGM BUSINESS SESSION II
- 3:30-3:45 pm Installation of Board of Directors for 2017-2018
- 3:45-4:45 pm Regional Councils
- 4:45-5 pm MEMBERSHIP & NEWSLETTER AWARDS
- 5-5:30 pm Door prize /free time

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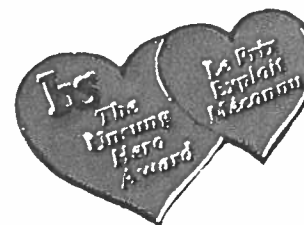
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# 73rd ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

QFHSA Awards Banquet

Novotel Hotel

- 5:30-6 pm Cocktail hour (*Grand Salon Foyer*)  
Cash Bar – relax and mingle
- 6-9:30 pm AWARDS BANQUET (*Grand Salon Ballroom*)  
Master of Ceremonies - Tanima Ghosh
- AWARD PRESENTATIONS:  
**Gordon Paterson Award**  
Galina Stepanova, Genesis Elementary  
**Leslie N. Buzzell Award**  
Wanda Leah Trineer, Roslyn Elementary and QFHSA Director
- Unsung Hero Awards**  
**Golden Torch Awards**
- 9:30-11 pm DANCE



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