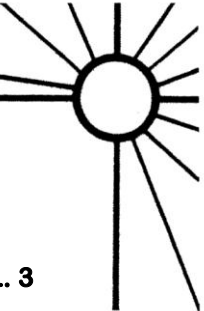


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Lt. Colonel William Barker



Lt. Colonel William Barker was one of the legendary fighter aces of World War 1 and the most decorated war hero in Canadian history – indeed, in the entire Commonwealth. He was a household name after the Great War. An estimated 50,000 people lined the streets of Toronto for his funeral after he died in a plane crash, at the age of 35, in 1930.

He is credited with destroying 50 enemy aircraft in World War 1. Recognized as an outstanding shot and an exceptionally aggressive pilot, he had a history of ignoring orders and flying unofficial patrols.

Barker's most legendary feat occurred two weeks before the war ended – it would earn him the Victoria Cross and devastating wounds that marred the rest of his life. Flying alone, he shot down a German plane but then encountered 15 or more enemy aircraft. Barker destroyed at least three of them before crash-landing in friendly territory with a section of his left arm blown away and bullet wounds in both his legs. But that didn't stop him from starting Canada's first commercial airline with friend and fellow ace Billy Bishop, serving as acting director of the Royal Canadian Air Force on its creation in 1924, organizing the first air show at the C.N.E., and even serving as the first president of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

When we forget our heroes, we forget our bravest and our best.....



*“They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
 Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
 At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
 We shall remember them”*

UNIT BUDGET APPROVED

2011-2012 Unit Budget – Presented by Finance Committee - (Dana Hanson, Chair)

- Thursday, October 6, 2011 - Executive Meeting - “Approved”
- Thursday, October 13, 2011 - General Meeting - “Approved”



DETAILS: Budget 2011-2012: \$627,860.00
Re-Imbursements: \$254,682.00
Unit Expense: \$373,178.00



YOUNG AUTHORS’ AWARDS PRIX JEUNES ECRIVAINS

The purpose of the annual O.E.C.T.A. Young Authors’ Award is to celebrate the writing talents of students and the teaching talents of their teachers and to showcase students and teachers’ accomplishments.

LEVEL

JK/SK
Grades 1 – 2
Grades 3 - 4
Grades 5 – 6
Grades 7 – 8

CATEGORIES

Short Story/Poem/Nonfiction (reflection or report)
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Short Story/Poem/Nonfiction (reflection or report)
Short Story/Poem/Play/Nonfiction (essay or report)



- All entries must not exceed 3,000 words
- There are three (3) levels of competition: School, Unit and Provincial. First place winners at each level advance to the next level.
- Each school can submit one entry, per category, and division to the Unit level.
- Entries must be submitted to your School O.E.C.T.A. Rep. by: **March 1, 2012**
- O.E.C.T.A. Reps: Send submissions to: Richard Brock, President of O.E.C.T.A. Halton Elementary Unit Office

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FLOOR HOCKEY TOURNEY



WHEN: **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2011**
WHERE: St. Timothy School Gymnasium
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
TO REGISTER: Teams and Individuals
CONTACT: Paul Wisniewski
WisniewskiP@hcdsb.org



GENERAL MEETING #2



WHEN: **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2011**
WHERE: O.E.C.T.A. Unit Office
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
TOPIC: Creating 2012 A.G.M. Resolutions



TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER



WHEN: **THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012**
WHERE: Halton Elementary Unit Office
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
TO REGISTER: \$20.00 per player (entire amount goes to the pot)
CONTACT: Send cheque to: Brian MacDonald
c/o OECTA, Halton Elementary Unit



STAFF/CBC REP. MTG. #2



WHEN: **THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2012**
WHERE: O.E.C.T.A. Unit Office
1182 Blair Road, Burlington
TIME: 4:30 p.m. (4:15 – Food & beverages served)



PRESIDENT'S FORUM

"2012 BEGINNING TEACHER CONFERENCE"

~ Thursday (evening), February 23 – Saturday, February 25, 2012 ~

- Open to all O.E.C.T.A. members in their first five years of teaching (including L.T.O.'s and Casual teachers)
- Deadline to Apply: Monday, November 14, 2011
- Apply to Unit Only: richardbrock@sympatico.ca



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Bishop Crosby Floor Hockey General	Dinner Tournament Meeting #2	November 9, 2011 November 25, 2011 November 29, 2011	5:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Le Dome Banquet Hall St. Timothy School O.E.C.T.A. Office
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AROUND HALTON

Our sincere sympathy and prayers go out to the following members, as well as, to their family and friends:

- Mauro Biliato (St. Christopher) on the passing of his mother, Regina (Gina) Biliato, on October 15, 2011.
- Laura Daly (St. Elizabeth Seton), Elaine Daly (Sacred Heart of Jesus), Christina Daly (Principal at St. Timothy) and Pat Daly (Principal at St. Thomas Aquinas) on the passing of their grandmother/mother-in-law/mother, Audrey Daly, on October 7, 2011.
- Irene Erickson (Holy Family) on the passing of her mother, Katherine Sochasky, on October 4, 2011.



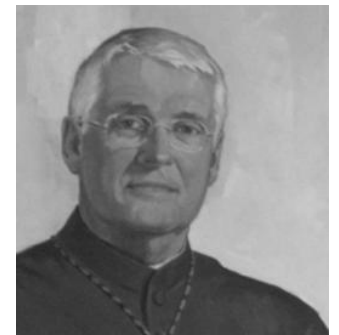
AN EVENING WITH



BISHOP DOUGLAS CROSBY

~In honour of the First Anniversary of the installation of Bishop Crosby, Diocese of Hamilton~

When: Wednesday, November 9, 2011
Where: Le Dome Banquet Hall
1173 North Service Road East, Oakville, ON
Time: Cocktails: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.
Silent Auction: 6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$60.00 per person or by table (10 seats per table)
Contact: aneveningwithbishopcrosby@gmail.com
289-288-3848



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