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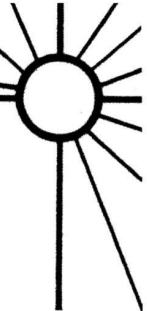
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2009 AWARD WINNERS

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

- **JOHN FUCA** - S.E.R.T. at St. John, Burlington
- The plaque reads: "For championing the cause of O.E.C.T.A."
- "The recipient of this award is currently on L.T.D. He is an avid supporter Of OECTA and even with his inflections from Multiple Sclerosis, he does not stop. He is a voting Councillor on the Unit Executive, he was an AGM delegate again this year, as well as Chair of the Political Action Committee. His mind, his spirit and his heart continue to drive John and inspire all of us!"
- **Presenter:** Richard Brock, President



JOHN FUCA

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

- **MARTIN ROKOWSKI** - Principal at Canadian Martyrs, Burlington
- The plaque reads: "For outstanding service to the teaching profession as an Administrator of a Catholic Elementary School in the region of Halton."
- "Martin Rokowski is a compassionate leader who models a life centered in Christ, loving and serving our school community with grace and humility. Marty communicates with staff, students and parents in a positive and encouraging manner. By recognizing the gifts and talents of each individual Marty enables the entire school community to reach their fullest potential."
- **Presenter:** Julia Nanni, Presidential Council



MARTIN ROKOWSKI

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

- **CARMELA PICCHI** - Teacher at Our Lady of Peace, Oakville
- The plaque reads: "For outstanding service to the teaching profession, the community, Catholic Education, and the aims of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association."
- "If one has ever had the pleasure of working with Carmela, then one is truly blessed. Carmela is the pastoral animator for our school. Catholicity is certainly alive at O.L.P. Carmela never acts like teaching is a "job" - for her, it's a vocation. She is passionate about what she teaches. Carmela Picchi is definitely a prime example of what an educator should be."
- **Presenter:** Louise Craig, Retired teacher from O.L.P.



CARMELA PICCHI

HONORARY MEMBER

- **RYAN DICK** - I.T. Development Officer, H.C.D.S.B.
- The plaque reads: "For outstanding service to Catholic Education in Halton region and the aims of Education in the Province of Ontario."
- "This year' recipient is a computer wizard and without Ryan, Richard Brock would still be using a pen and little black book. Ryan services the Unit Office computers and is always available to answer any question, silly or not, and always with a smile! In the late 1980's Ryan was a student of Suzanne Rossini's at Ascension and he took to the 'Comadore 64' like a cat to catnip - years later Ryan told Suzanne, "this Blackberry is as powerful as the old C-64 you started me on!" "Ryan is one of our Board's true success stories!"



RYAN DICK

Presenter: Alicia Nunn-DeLuca, Councillor

STAFF & CBC REP. MTG. #1



WHEN: **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009**
 WHERE: O.E.C.T.A. Unit Office
 TIME: 4:30 p.m.
 GUEST: Chris Vollum, SocialMedia Trust
 (Sponsored by Haber Blain Insurance)
 "Facebook 101"

GENERAL MEETING #1



WHEN: **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2009**
 WHERE: O.E.C.T.A. Unit Office
 TIME: 4:30 p.m.
 TOPIC: 2009-2010 Unit Budget
 PRESENTER: Dana Hanson, Unit Treasurer

PENSION WORKSHOP



WHEN: **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2009**
 WHERE: O.E.C.T.A. Halton Elementary Unit Office
 TIME: 4:30 p.m.
 CHAIR: Vendy Volak-McLaughlin
 GUEST: Ron DiNicola, Teachers Pension Plan Board
 TOPICS:
 1. Overview of Benefits
 2. How to apply for a Pension
 3. What you need to consider before retiring
 4. The rules about teaching after retirement
 TO REGISTER: (905) 335-6660 or oectaoffice@on.aibn.com



“FALLS VIEW” CASINO

WHEN: **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2009**
 PICK UP: Bus leaves Unit Office @ 4:30 p.m.
 Bus leaves Casino @ 10:30 p.m.
 COST: \$10.00 (refundable at door)
 • Snacks & refreshments on the bus
 TO REGISTER: Send cheque to:
 Mary Jean Monte
 c/o OEFTA, Halton Elementary Unit Office



PRESIDENT’S FORUM

~Welcome Back ~

.....To keep you better informed.....

Staff/C.B.C. Reps.	-	September 17, 2009	-	“Facebook 101”
Health & Safety Reps.	-	October 29, 2009	-	“H1N1”
Staff/C.B.C. Reps.	-	January 28, 2010	-	“New Pension Changes”



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Joanne Bertrand
 Sacha Bobanovic
 Laura Daly
 Caitlin Dick
 Kimberly Digout
 Kylee Emerson
 Melanie Gazzola
 Sara Hanson
 Mary Indelicato
 Monika Jesse
 Melanie Johnson
 Deborah Krampelj
 Emily Langill

St. Christopher
 St. James
 Holy Family
 St. Joseph, A
 Our Lady of Peace
 St. Francis
 St. John, O
 St. Francis
 Our Lady of Fatima
 St. James
 St. Christopher
 Holy Rosary, M
 Our Lady of Victory

Christine McCarthy
 Erin McDonough
 Michael Medeiros
 Andrea Osti
 Melinda Paul
 Amy Power
 Ida Prelovec
 Brian Schneberk
 Melanie Silva
 Heather Vermeer
 Melinda Vieira
 Kristyn Warner

St. Catherine
 St. Anthony
 Our Lady of Fatima
 St. Catherine
 Guardian Angels
 St. Joseph, A
 Sacred Heart
 St. Brigid
 St. Peter
 St. Peter
 Our Lady of Victory
 Holy Rosary, M

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INFO 'HOT LINE' 905-632-7916 E.A.P. SERVICE PROVIDERS

JIM HARKINS

22-2441 LAKESHORE RD. W.
 OAKVILLE
 905-469-6338

SPECIALTIES

ADDICTIONS
 ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE
 CRISIS ISSUES
 ANGER MANAGEMENT
 COUPLE & FAMILY COUNSELLING.

CARA GROSSET

516-1 YOUNG ST.
 HAMILTON
 905-525-8899

SPECIALTIES

CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS
 CRISIS INTERVENTION

GRIEF & BEREAVEMENT
 SOLUTION FOCUSED THERAPY

EILEEN BELTZNER

38 FORSYTHE ST.
 OAKVILLE
 905-339-3942

SPECIALTIES

MOOD DISORDERS
 CHILDREN'S PHOBIAS
 FAMILIES IN TRANSITION
 ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE
 BEREAVEMENT

DAVID SMITH

208-1100 MAIN ST. W.
 HAMILTON
 905-522-4770

SPECIALTIES

COUPLE THERAPY
 DEPRESSION & ANXIETY

FAMILY THERAPY
 STRESS

ANDREW DELLIO

53 ROUSSEAU ST.
 ANCASTER
 905-648-1820

SPECIALTIES

MARITAL DIFFICULTIES
 FAMILY ISSUES
 "BURN OUT"
 ANGER MANAGEMENT
 WORK STRESS

MARTIN SMITH

280 PLAINS RD. WEST
 BURLINGTON
 905-527-8881

SPECIALTIES

MARITAL & FAMILY
 STRESS MGMT.

ADDICTIONS
 FAMILY/INDIV. COUNSELLING.

LIZ HOPKINS

101-400 BRONTE ST. S.
 MILTON
 905-875-2575 x 223

SPECIALTIES

CHILDREN
 FAMILY THERAPY
 MARITAL THERAPY

DEBRA CAVANAGH

2075 WALKERS LINE
 BURLINGTON
 905-315-1542

SPECIALTIES

STRESS
 COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL
 THERAPY

MARITAL BREAKDOWN
 ANXIETY/DEPRESSION

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

201-447 Main St. E.
 HAMILTON
 905-527-3823

SPECIALTIES

SUPPORT FOR SENIORS
 PARENTING PROGRAMS
 ABUSE SERVICES
 MARRIAGE PREPARATION

(905) 527-3823

SPECIALTIES

SUPPORT FOR SENIORS
 PARENTING PROGRAMS

BAYRIDGE FAMILY CENTER

1295 North Service Road
 BURLINGTON
 905-319-1488

SPECIALTIES

CHILD & ADOLESCENT COUNSELING
 ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE
 ANXIETY & MOOD DISORDERS
 COUPLE & FAMILY THERAPY



CONFERENCE CORNER

N/A

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Executive	Meeting #1	Sept. 10, 2009	4:30 p.m.	OECTA Office
Staff/CBC Rep.	Meeting #1	Sept. 17, 2009	4:30 p.m.	OECTA office
Labour Management	Meeting #1	Sept. 28, 2009	3:00 p.m.	Board Office

AROUND HALTON

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

- Paola Bassi (St. Michael) and Maria Bassi (St. Ignatius of Loyola) on the passing of their father, Dino Bassi, on August 23, 2009.
- Laura Daly (L.T.O.) and Christina Daly (Principal, Mother Teresa) on the passing of their mother, Janina Malyjasiak, on June 14, 2009.
- Patrick Durka (Our Lady of Peace) on the passing of his father, Walter Joseph Durka on June 12, 2009.

Congratulations to the families and friends of the following members who experienced the joy of childbirth:

- Tara Hambly (St. Timothy) and husband Chris, on the birth of their son, Raine Edward, born on August 30, 2009, weighing 5 lbs. 15 oz.
- Christopher Tilley (St. Gabriel) and wife Tamara, on the birth of their son, Graydon Michael, born July 2nd, weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz.
- Lisa Davis (L.T.O.) and husband Chris, on the birth of their daughter Isla, born May 16, 2009.
- Lisa Amato-Beagle (Holy Rosary, M) and husband Richard, on the birth of their son, Lucas Richard on March 9, 2009, weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz.

CATHOLIC CUP VOLLEYBALL

Boys Volleyball

OCTOBER 22 AND 24, 2009

St. Andrew School
St. Luke School
Our Lady of Peace
St. Marguerite d'Youville
Sacred Heart of Jesus
Holy Trinity Secondary School



Girls Volleyball

OCTOBER 29 AND 31, 2009

St. Andrew School
St. Luke School
Our Lady of Peace
St. Marguerite d'Youville
Sacred Heart of Jesus
Holy Trinity Secondary School

Co-ordinator: Tony Ceelen

Cost: \$110.00

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