

# “News At 11”

## District 11 TBU Newsletter



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### Important Dates

**Bishop Townshend Awards  
Best Western Lamplighter Inn  
February 25, 2011**

**McTavish Awards  
Sir George Ross S.S.  
April 28, 2011**

**Grade 10 Citizenship Awards  
Thames S.S.  
June 1, 2011**

**Annual Retirement Dinner  
Best Western Lamplighter Inn  
June 9, 2011**

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**WELCOME BACK! September 2010**

Dear OSSTF Colleague,

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope that your summer holiday provided time for family, recreation, travel, and also some well-deserved relaxation.

Your District 11 Office Team has already met over the summer in order to be responsive to emerging issues, and also plan for upcoming events and workshops for the membership (some of these are highlighted in this edition). We look forward to working with you, to address your professional concerns and to protect your rights. A safe and healthy workplace is your right. Your personal health and well-being matter greatly to all of us. This fall edition of our newsletter features profiles of our District 11 Office Team, including their contact information. Please do not hesitate to contact us, should you have concerns or require assistance.

Toward the end of the last school year (on June 15<sup>th</sup>), **Bill 168** became law. This amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act ensures greater protection from workplace violence. As with the passage of Bill 157, OSSTF believes that the implementation of new legislation is not a single event, but a process that involves consultation and training over time.

On a similar note, OSSTF representatives were invited to be part of a collaborative TVDSB writing team, at work this summer on the new **Growing Success** document that is to be implemented this fall. Your input through “Teacher Voice on Assessment” and our OSSTF Credit Integrity Workgroup provided meaningful feedback to the Ministry of Education. Respect for the professional judgment of the teacher is re-affirmed throughout this document. Release of the new guidelines made province wide news in late August. Public support for this new document has been overwhelmingly positive.

Membership in OSSTF affords us many benefits. We represent more than 60,000 educational workers across this province and we play a leading role as a voice for strong, well-funded public education. Our collective strength has always been based on the strength of our membership at the local, grassroots level. I encourage you to become involved in the work of the union! Whatever your interest, from Human Rights to Political Action, we have an avenue for your pursuits or a committee for you to join! Likewise, you have access to a broad range of services. I would encourage you to visit our website at [www.osstf11.com](http://www.osstf11.com) and also our provincial website at [www.osstf.on.ca](http://www.osstf.on.ca) for a wealth of information.

In the world of education, each autumn marks a new beginning. For our newest members, this may be the launch of a wonderful career, while for others it may be the start of a challenging new assignment at a new school or work-site. On behalf of our District 11 OSSTF Office Team, our Executive and our Branch Presidents, I would like to extend our best wishes to each and everyone for a happy and successful school year.

Yours in federation,



**Colleen Canon  
District President**



The Mandeville Art Gallery and OSSTF are featuring the artwork of Mike Caldwell from September 1st to October 4th, 2010. Mike, who teaches English and Art at Parkside Collegiate, works in a variety of media, and the work included in this exhibition is representative of his focus over the last 10 years. Mike's love of the outdoors and wilderness canoeing is evident in the many striking landscape paintings of northern lakes. In these paintings, Mike explores our relationship with the overpowering experience of nature. It is beautiful, humbling, and on rare moments we can feel the inter-connectedness of all things.

Mandeville Art Gallery at OSSTF Provincial, 60 Mobile Drive, Toronto

*Let us not take separate interests, but let us help one another*

# Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation District 11



## Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation presents Dinner & Workshops November 11, 2010 Best Western Lamplighter Inn

For more information & registration go online at [www.osstf11.com](http://www.osstf11.com)

4:00 p.m. Registration

4:45 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. Workshop Presentation

### Workshop A "Meet the Bills"

Presented by Dale Leckie,  
OSSTF Director of Protective Services

### Workshop B "Health & Wellness"

Presented by Homewood Employee Health

### Workshop C "New Members Workshop"

Presented by OSSTF Provincial

Workshop D  
"Financial Planning for Educators"  
Presented by Educators Financial Group

TOOLS & TOYS

Tools & Toys...Technology in  
Education ESC Conference 2010  
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### Municipal Elections - OCTOBER 25th

OSSTF D.11 is proud to support our own members in their bids for public office. At the time we went to print we have four candidates: **Matt Brown**, Westminster, is running for Councillor of Ward 7 in London; **Marlene Turkington**, a retired teacher, is the Trustee candidate for Oxford County; **Gord Smith**, Ross, is the mayoral candidate for Central Elgin. **Robin Barker James**, Glendale, is the Trustee candidate for Oxford County. To support these teachers, please contact Evelyn Daley at the District Office.



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Employee Assistance Program  
(1-800-265-8310)



### In Memory

*Fay Mombourquette* March 15<sup>th</sup> 1960 – June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010

*The staff and students of St. Basil S.S. mourn the loss of Fay Mombourquette, a gifted and caring history teacher. For several years, Fay served her colleagues as an OSSTF District Officer and Chief Negotiator. Fay was also active at the provincial level as a three term member of the OSSTF's Board of*

*Governors. Fay was never comfortable in the limelight-she preferred to work in the background, seeking solutions that would be of benefit to both sides. Her colleagues, students and many friends were impressed by her wisdom, competence, generosity of spirit and genuine interest in the needs of others.*

*David Richards* December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1964 – June 14<sup>th</sup> 2010

*The Clarke Road community mourns the loss of Dave Richards, a dedicated teacher, not just in the classroom but in every aspect of life. Dave was an anchor of support who shared so much of himself. He was a teacher who believed in second chances. Dave's "pay it forward" personality shone through in all that he did. His generous heart and luminous spirit were contagious and he spread laughter and comfort to those around him until the very end. His drive and his passion live on in the hundreds of lives he touched.*