

A great time was had by all 70

Over 20 teams competed in the trivia night hosted by OTF on April 11, 2014. The winners were OTPP1, one of the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan teams. Several teams were tied for first at the end of the competition. The tie-breaking question, "how many Stanley Cups have the Leafs won since 1944?" stumped all the teams except OTPP1.

The trivia night was part of OTF's fundraising celebration of the 70th anniversary. As well, there was a silent auction which attracted many participants.

OTF was fundraising for three organizations: Frontier College which contributes to student success, Kids Help Phone to student wellness and Student Vote to student engagement.

Julie Pauletig, OTF President, also took the opportunity to recognize the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA) which is celebrating its 70th anniversary and l'Association des enseignantes et des enseignants franco-ontariens (AEFO) celebrating 75 years of service.

OTF thanks all who participated in the evening and those who contributed items to the silent auction for making the celebration a great success.



Team OTPP1 - OTF Trivia Night Winners

OTF - a celebration of 70 years

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A message from the President

As the 70th OTF President, I am honoured to recognize the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) for reaching this significant milestone and for representing teachers for 70 years. OTF has evolved considerably over the years.

In 1944, OTF was established as the professional organization for teachers. All teachers were required by law to belong as a condition of employment in the publicly funded schools of Ontario. Teachers, as members of OTF, were recognized by provincial authorities under the provisions of the *Teaching Profession Act*.

Initially, OTF's role included advocacy, enforcing professional and ethical standards, reviewing and investigating complaints against members, collecting OTF membership dues, providing professional development, and acting as the official liaison between the teachers and the Ministry of Education. This included dealing

with legislative matters pertaining to publicly funded education and the superannuation (pension) fund which was entirely under the control of the government. As in 1944, OTF remains the umbrella organization of the four Affiliates: AEFO, ETFO (formerly FWTAO, OPSTF), OECTA and OSSTF.

In 1996, Bill 31 assigned the duties of regulating the teaching profession and governing its members to a new regulatory body, the Ontario College of Teachers. OTF continues to serve members' interests in the role of advocacy and professional development, and to represent teachers in Ministry discussions concerning policy and legislation affecting education. There is now an equal partnership between the Government of Ontario and OTF in overseeing the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan. OTF represents all Plan members and negotiates Plan amendments and Plan valuations.



Julie Pauletig

OTF is "the unifying voice safeguarding the profession, pension, and public education." It is proud to have served teachers in many capacities over the past 70 years. It will continue to do so—to protect the integrity of this profession and to advocate for the strong, leading-edge publicly funded education that has benefitted Ontario's students for the past 70 years.

A message from the Secretary-Treasurer



Rhonda Kimberley-Young

The President kicked off this issue with an excellent review of OTF's history. The one thing which has been constant throughout the 70 years is OTF's objective—to act in the best interest of the teaching profession.

How that responsibility is carried out differs significantly compared to 1944. Just as new teachers today might have trouble imagining schools pre-internet, pre-computers, pre-photocopiers (even pre-reliable heat and indoor plumbing), I look in amazement at OTF's archival records, which have financial ledgers kept by hand in bound journals and verbatim minutes typed on manual typewriters.

In the 70s, I remember that a commonly held worry (aside from the cold war, of course) was what the next generation would do with their leisure time. Baby boomers were entering the job market and the predictions were that, with more

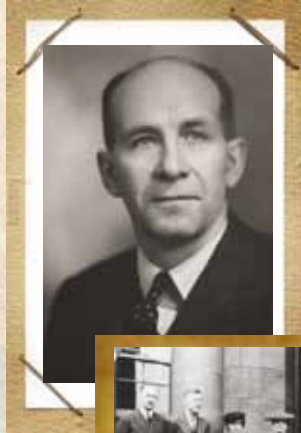
workers and new technology, our society would evolve into one of job-sharing. Our biggest challenge would be filling the leisure time created. Yeah right!

As a profession, we are technologically more capable and better connected than ever before. But, looking back on 70 years of challenges and accomplishments, it is *what* links us that matters most. The day-to-day efforts of the profession to offer their best service, while struggling to maintain a reasonable work-life balance, in a society which places high expectations on our education system and with governments which change course along the way... these things haven't changed at all.

Federation House
Prince Arthur Avenue



Norman McLeod, First OTF President



1940s

First OTF Board of Governors



Nora Hodgins, First Secretary-Treasurer



Closed Circuit Television



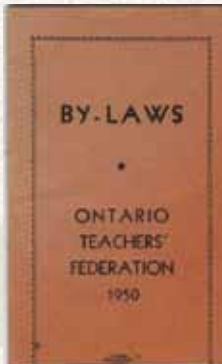
Parry Sound Campground



Curriculum Conference
Ryerson University



1950s



1960s



Teacher Awards



Hall-Dennis Report



Federation House, Bay Street

Lobbying for Special Ed



1970s

1973 Teacher Walkout



Curriculum on the Road Program

A historic timeline

70 years of excellence

Sit-in at Minister's Office



Pension Negotiations



1990s



Nelson Mandela &
the Children

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Agreement



Social Contract Talks

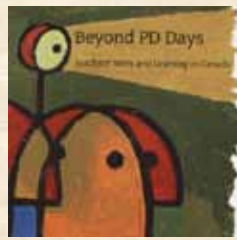


Days of Action

TLLP/PALPE



2000s



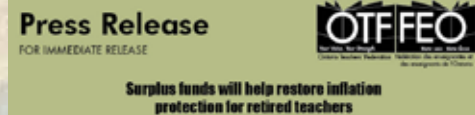
Canadian Aboriginal
Festival

2010s

OTF Summer Institutes



Word on the Street



OTF Teaching Awards



1980s

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Summer workshops for teachers

Beginning July 7, 2014 in London, Ottawa, Sudbury, and Toronto

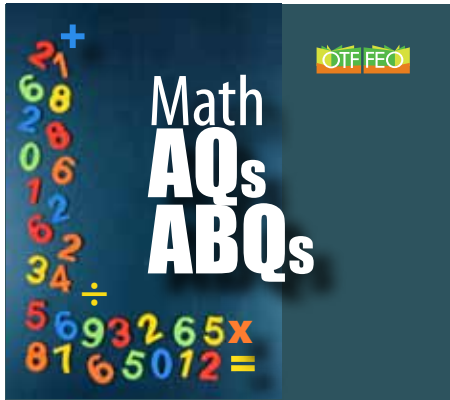
- Topics for workshops include
- Enhancing math teaching and learning with technology
 - Infusing new and revised curricula
 - First Nation, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) perspectives
 - Technology in the classroom
 - Back to nature with technology
 - Secondary science in the 21st century classroom
 - Innovations in physics teaching and learning
 - Cloud-based business classes
 - And many more!



Registration is open!

Time to register. Go to otffeo.on.ca and check 2014 Summer Institutes under the Learning tab.

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Funding for math additional qualifications, additional basic qualifications and undergraduate prerequisite courses

Starting April 1, 2014, the Ministry of Education, through the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF), is providing a subsidy of \$450 to teachers who successfully complete an AQ or ABQ course in mathematics or an undergraduate math course that is a prerequisite for an AQ/ABQ math course. For more information, go to Learning at otffeo.on.ca.

And another cohort is off and running

This year's Teacher Learning and Leadership Program (TLLP) cohort just completed the two-day training session, Leadership Skills for Classroom Teachers. This cohort has 233 teacher leader participants undertaking a record 115 projects. In total, there are eight cohorts involved in the program for a total of 1,600 teachers working on their projects.

The TLLP provides funding to experienced teachers for professional development and leadership enhancement experiences and for sharing their learning with others. Applications are received in the fall of each year. Successful applicants then receive training in the spring

of the following year, pursue their project for a year and then showcase and share their projects. What this means is that the cohort who just received training will showcase their projects at the TLLP Summit in the fall of 2015.

For more information on the TLLP program, check out the program under the Learning tab on the OTF website: otffeo.on.ca.



PENSION

OTF and the Ontario Government will use a \$5.1 billion surplus in the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan to partially restore inflation protection for teachers who retired after 2009. Get the info at otffeo.on.ca.

JULIA AND EMMA MOGUS

2014 GREER AWARD RECIPIENTS

On Friday, April 11, 2014, Julie Pauletig, OTF President and James Ryan, OECTA President, presented the Greer Award for Outstanding Contribution to Publicly Funded Education to Julia Mogus and Emma Mogus.

Julia and Emma Mogus are two teens who, through their efforts, have created the movement, Books with no Bounds, which promotes an appreciation of reading in the Nishnawbe Aski Nation communities in northern Ontario.

Julia and Emma have taken a grass roots approach to effecting change and it has worked. What began as a summer of contributing their allowances, birthday and Christmas money to buying new and slightly used books, and packing and shipping those books has grown to the extent that over 6,000 books have been contributed to children and youth in northern native communities.

As stated in their nomination, "their much-needed 'can-do' spirit of volunteerism can only be emulated and admired."

The recipients of the Greer Award designate an organization to receive the \$750 monetary contribution attached to the award. Julia and



L to R: The Hon. David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario; James Ryan, OECTA President; Julie Pauletig, OTF President; Julia and Emma Mogus, Greer Recipients

Emma designated the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada, an organization with whom they work closely.

An often heard phrase with true meaning is that our children are our future. Julia and Emma make us confident that our future is in good hands.

The Greer Award was established in 1947 in memory of Dr. V. K. Greer, a distinguished Ontario educator. Because of the high regard for Dr. Greer, his colleagues established a fund as a memorial to the man and his contributions to public education. The award is presented annually for outstanding contributions to publicly funded education in Ontario. OTF administers the Greer Award.

Teaching, Learning & *Technology* Conference

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- interaction with experienced educators
- sharing of best practices
- leveraging technology to enhance your classroom culture
- focus on student learning
- minds on media

Keynote speaker: Chris Lehmann, Principal of the Science Leadership Academy, Philadelphia

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Forty-five webinars this past year - OTF does connect

OTF Connects, a series of online webinars, has once again provided members with many rich and relevant opportunities for self-directed learning during 2013-2014. A total of 45 sessions were offered in the areas of Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century, Critical Thinking, Financial Literacy, Violence Prevention and Environmental Education.

Still to come:

- May 28 Critical Thinking - here, there and everywhere!
Usha James, TC²
- May 29 **NEW** - Supporting Teachers in the Use of Inquiry through the Revised Social Studies, History and Geography, Marci Becker
- June 5 Coming of Age in the Digital Era, Shanna Burns and Ryan Broll, Fourth R

Missed a session or unable to participate in live sessions? Visit www.otffeo.on.ca/en/learning/otf-connects/resources for the full list of archived webinars, available for viewing at your convenience.

Be sure to visit the OTF website (otffeo.on.ca) in September for new OTF Connects 2014-2015 PD offerings!