

## A message from the President

As the seasons go in a cycle, so does OTF's business. For every season, there are déjà vu activities but also new surprises.

Looking back to September, when I returned to the OTF office for a second term, it was like a flashback of four years ago. I relived Word on the Street, an activity which involves OTF staff, Secretariat and family members volunteering at the OTF booth. I met and talked with hundreds of parents and teachers.

Then, we had the ever-popular OTIP Teaching Awards, highlighting three exceptional teachers in the categories of elementary, secondary and beginning. OTF is very appreciative of OTIP's generous sponsorship of this event.

October saw the longest ever federal campaign. Everyone knows the end result—Justin Trudeau was elected Prime Minister.

On November 11, I had the honour of being the first OTF President to lay a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony at Queen's Park—the beginning of a long overdue tradition.

In the spring, we had a very successful Pension Forum and the OTPP Annual General Meeting at which we received the good news of a rate of return on investments of 13.0% for 2015.

At the Spring Board of Governors' meeting, I had the honour of presenting the Greer Award to Taylor Gunn (CIVIX/Student Vote).

We have had many successes this year—the TLLP program, the NORCAN Project and OTF Connects, to name a few. The summer brings professional learning programs such as the Teacher Learning Co-op, the summer institutes and the technology conference, Pedagogy b4 Technology.

Throughout the year, I have had the opportunity to meet and discuss issues of importance with teacher leaders across the province and Canada.

As I reflect on the past year, I will always be appreciative of the opportunity to represent Ontario's teaching profession at many varied events. I wish to humbly thank you for graciously allowing me this exceptional opportunity to work on behalf of our profession.

I dearly hold these times and this work close to my heart.

Yours in education,  
Francine LeBlanc-Lebel