

**Date to Remember**

RETIREMENT DINNER

June 9, 2015

Baldoon Golf Club, Wallaceburg

**Bargaining Updates Throughout the Summer Months**

Provincial OSSTF has made its position clear that following the cuts and freezes of the past three years, real improvements for all members are required in this round of bargaining. As has occurred recently, bargaining in this environment may lead to additional sanctions. The District Office will continue to send Bargaining information to non-Board email addresses. We also encourage you to use the Members Only section of the OSSTF/FEESO website over the summer months.

**Staffing for 2015-2016**

Retirements now are at nine in total for this current year. Hugh and I continue to monitor the staffing process for next year and have had recent meetings with the staffing committee. Progress continues as many of our surplus members have been placed in contract positions. There will be more job postings and all surplus teachers should be placed soon. Following that, the redundant teachers will begin to be recalled into jobs that they are qualified for. Thank you to Branch Presidents for assisting us with the staffing issues at their schools and for helping to ease the anxieties of those individuals who are affected by declining enrolment.

**Branch Executives**

This is the time of year that each school selects their Executive for the next school year. If you are interested in becoming involved with OSSTF in any capacity, please see your Branch President. With the current political climate, next year is sure to be busy and involvement at the Branch level is encouraged.

**President's Award**

This award is given annually to a member of District 10 who has made outstanding contributions to OSSTF at the local, District and Provincial levels. This year's Award winner is Hugh Garrett. Congratulations Hugh. Your efforts in all aspects of the Federation are truly appreciated

**Thank You**

I am especially grateful to our District Executive and Branch Presidents for their support and to Carolyn Trigatti, our Executive Assistant and Hugh Garrett, Federation Officer for their hard work this past year.

*Finally, whether you are taking courses, travelling or enjoying a good book, I want to wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summer.*