

**Date to Remember**

RETIREMENT DINNER

June 13, 2017

The Clubhouse at Baldoon, Wallaceburg

Benefits Update

All eligible members of OSSTF District 10 should now be enrolled in the new OSSTF Benefits Plan which became effective on June 1, 2017. Members do have until the July 1, 2017 deadline to complete their enrolment in the new plan if they have not yet done so. If the deadline is missed, benefit coverage will be limited or even denied – and new coverage requests will need to be approved by the insurer.

Also, be sure to submit claims for benefit services used before June 1 to Great West Life as soon as possible in order to ensure remittance. The Board has stated that claims submitted to GWL beyond 90 days of when the benefit service was provided will not be paid by Great West Life. Claims for services since June 1 are to be submitted to OTIP.

Staffing for 2017-2018

Probably the best news for our occasional members in years is the fact that the Board will be in a hiring mode for 2017-2018. No teachers were declared redundant.

Certification Rating Statement

Members, including OTs, are reminded to inform the Board's HR Department of any changes to their category placement (with a new or updated OSSTF Certification Rating Statement) by June 15 in order to be eligible for any retroactive pay for this school year as a result of a higher category.

President's Award

This award is given each year to a member of District 10 who has made outstanding contributions to OSSTF at the local, District and Provincial levels. This year's award is being presented to Craig Bowie. His fair and steady presence as Chair of our District Council over the past many years has been invaluable. His presence on the provincial Parliamentary Council enabled him to prominently fulfill the role of Chair at several AMDAs over the years. As well, his many skills were put to excellent use as a member of the provincial Judicial Council. It is through the contributions, energy and commitment of a member like Craig that District 10 remains a strong presence both locally and provincially. Thank you Craig!

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. I encourage new members to get involved.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone whose advice, cooperation and hard work has made my task as President much more effective, especially the dedicated members on our District Executive and District Council.

It has been my pleasure to work in the district office with Carolyn Caldwell, our Executive Assistant and Stephen Lynch, our Federation Officer, and I owe them a great deal of gratitude for their dedication and commitment to our organization and the membership.

Hugh Garrett, President

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