

# OAAS GAZETTE

| Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies |



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Hello from Vince Brennan,  
Office Manager (OAAS)



## Greetings from OAAS President... Elaine Rennie, Markham

It is now May and I know that everyone is gearing up for a new year of fairs, exhibitions, competitions and educating the public about the importance of agriculture to everyone.

Taking a sentence from the CAFÉ website of last year:

'Fairs are living reflections of the life and times around them, rooted in agriculture and volunteer-driven.

Thank you to the members and delegates that attended our convention and the annual meeting and gave us your support with a vote of confidence in our vision, necessary changes to the constitution and the rightsizing of our board of directors. This will allow us to move forward in becoming more efficiently run and a resource of information for you.

As you are aware both Kerry McDonald and Kathryn Lambert finished out their terms with us as of April 30, 2016. Thank you to both of you for your many years of service to us. Kathryn has agreed to continue with us as our convention co-ordinator and at this time I would like to welcome aboard Vince Brennan as our office

manager, he will be combining both of the aforementioned roles and also will be instrumental in working with the executive and the board of directors to help us move into the next phase, where the changes implemented will allow for a smooth changeover to the new board of 15 directors in 2017.



Jim and Elaine celebrating Jim's Conklin's 83rd Birthday; at The Fun Factory.

Your board of directors met for their spring meeting at the beginning of April and an amazing amount of work was accomplished- kudos to you all (they were even still smiling at the end of the week-end).

By now, your spring AGM meetings have all taken place and you have received an update on what will be the next phase - your responsibility will be to write up your policies and procedures and your new format for your elections as well as the choosing of a provincial director. We have requested that the district directors forward this information on to the executive by June 30 so that the governance committee and the executive can implement the next step. Where possible we had a member of the executive or our office manager attend your AGM meetings to help the district directors with any issues that might arise.

My theme this year is "Fairs and Ag. Societies - Helping to preserve our agricultural heritage." This is very dear to my heart and I am going to rely on each and everyone of you to 'Till the minds-plant the seeds - and grow the crops' through education, that there are people behind the scenes - YOU! - that provide the produce to the stores for everyone's convenience.

As you are gearing up for a new fair season - May your weather be all you wish for - may your volunteers be willing to go the extra mile and may all your fair attendees have a new and happy experience.

**- Elaine**

# Convention Competition



## Hand Quilt

Grand Champion: Esther Graham, District #4, Kinmount  
Reserve Champion: Esther Graham, District #5, Orillia



## Machine Quilt

Grand Champion: Denadetta Forbes, District #6, Dunnville  
Reserve Champion: Marie Poldervaart, District #2, Lansdowne



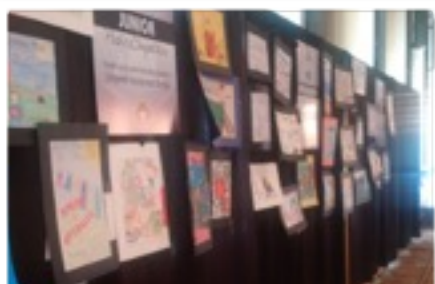
## 60% Whole Wheat Bread

1<sup>st</sup> - Marjorie Paddle, District #3, Kingston  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Marybelle Dittmer, District #8, Listowel  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Gord Bielby, District #5, Elmvale



## Chocolate Chip Cookies

1<sup>st</sup> - Rachel Thurston, District #6, Langton  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Andrew Hill, District #11, Strong  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Addison Dwyre, District #2, Lansdowne



## Posters - Junior

1<sup>st</sup> - Metcalfe  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Mildmay/Carrick  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Harriston

## Posters - Intermediate

1<sup>st</sup> - Drumbo  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Odessa

## Posters - Senior

1<sup>st</sup> - Stratford  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Palmerston  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Orangeville

Grand Champion Photography  
Markham

Junior Champion Photography  
Paisley

# 2016 OAAS Convention Partnership

## Platinum

Canadian National Exhibition

## Gold

Dominion Regalia

The Co-Operators Insurance

## Silver

Campbellford Agricultural Society  
 Encore Promotional Products  
 Fairmont Royal York Hotel  
 G4S Security Solution  
 Grand River Agricultural Society  
 Homeniuk Rides Inc.  
 Just Direct Promotions  
 Kidomo  
 Limestone Productions

Lorna Wilson  
 Mary Maxim  
 Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show  
 OMAFRA  
 RAM Rodeo  
 Robertson Amusements Ltd.  
 VIA Rail  
 Western Fair District

## Bronze

4-H Ontario  
 Alberta Premium  
 Albion Amusements Ltd.  
 Ambush  
 Ancaster Agricultural Society  
 AssistExpo  
 Bayfield Agricultural Society  
 Big Dave's  
 Blyth Festival Theatre  
 Bobcaygeon Agricultural Society  
 Brittany Graul  
 Brooklin Agricultural Society  
 Brussels Agricultural Society  
 Caledon Agricultural Society

Calgary Stampede  
 Carp Agricultural Society  
 Carter Shows  
 Charles Jones Industrial Ltd.  
 Chesley Agricultural Society  
 Coldwater Agricultural Society  
 Comber Fair  
 Country Fair Baking  
 Delta Agricultural Society  
 Dunnville Agricultural Society  
 Egg Farmers of Ontario  
 Electrical Safety Authority  
 Elmvale Agricultural Society  
 Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society

Empire Cheese  
 EMpression - A Marketing Services Company  
 Erin Agricultural Society  
 Grain Farmers of Ontario  
 Great Northern Exhibition  
 Harriston-Minto Agricultural Society  
 Hensall Agricultural Society  
 Incredible Edibles  
 International Plowing Match 2017 (Huron  
 County)  
 Jane Armstrong  
 Julien Kelland  
 Kerry McDonald, OAAS Treasurer  
 Laird Signs  
 Listowel Agricultural Society  
 Madeline Hague  
 Markham Agricultural Society  
 Mary Litchy-Neeb  
 Matt Garwood, CNE Ambassador of the Fairs  
 Metcalfe Agricultural Society  
 Moore Agricultural Society  
 Neil Johnson, Glencoe  
 North American Midway Entertainment  
 Northern Ontario Agri-Food Education &  
 Marketing Inc.  
 OAAS District #1  
 OAAS District #3  
 OAAS District #6  
 OAAS Past Presidents' Association

Ontario Agri-Food Education (OAFE)  
 Ontario Plowmen's Association  
 Ontario Sheep Marketing Association  
 Ontario Trillium Foundation  
 PAL Insurance Brokers Canada  
 Paris Agricultural Society  
 Petrolia & Enniskillen Agricultural Society  
 Premium Alberta Whiskey  
 Progressive Agriculture Foundation  
 Rockton's World Fair  
 Ross Carlisle  
 Russell Agricultural Society  
 Spencerville Agricultural Society  
 Stormont Agricultural Society  
 Stratford Agricultural Society  
 Sylvia Parr, Past President OAAS  
 Technical Safety Standard Authority  
 The Illusionist: Lucas Wilson  
 Thrill Show Productions  
 TicketPro  
 Tourism Toronto  
 vogelJoy  
 Welden Scott Communications  
 Wellesley Agricultural Society  
 Wellington County Large Animal Emergency  
 Rescue  
 Workplace Safety & Prevention Services  
 World's Finest Shows

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## Check it out...

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*Looking for a grant or funding?*

<https://150alliance.ca>

*Planning Accessible Events*

[ontario.ca/accessibility](http://ontario.ca/accessibility)

*Round Table Summaries*

<http://ontarioagsocieties.com>

*Lottery Licensing*

<http://www.agco.on.ca>

# GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Past President Cathy Redden, presenting a plaque to Louise Blair from Lombardy Ag Society, who is celebrating 150 years. during the 2016 Convention.



Following the approval of the amendments to the OAAS constitution at the 2016 Annual General Meeting, your District Directors have begun the next steps in accomplishing the two year work plan set by the OAAS Board in 2015.

At their Spring meetings, Directors and members societies discussed how the necessary changes would be made to update district policies and allow for the election of a Provincial Director at the Fall Annual General Meeting. In some cases, ad hoc committees have been struck to accomplish this task, in other cases, the District Executive will be responsible.

All of the draft district policies will be reviewed in July by the OAAS Executive and the Governance Committee and then returned to the Districts to be finalized and circulated to their members by September.

At the same time, the Governance Committee, with the assistance of the Office Manager, Vince Brennan and Rob Black, Rural Ontario Institute are reviewing the current policies and procedures of the Association. All of this review and updating is meant to clearly define the roles and responsibilities of all involved and prepare for the upcoming changes in Board structure and size.

## Save the date

*2017 Convention: February 16th-18th, Fairmont Royal York*



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**NOTE: Ongoing program to register all fairs that include livestock on site during the fair.  
If your fair has not previously registered, please complete at your earliest convenience.**



## Ontario Provincial Premises Registry: Registering is Easy and Free

Accurate premises verification and identification is critical to the strength of Ontario’s agriculture and food sectors. Being able to trace your products as they move through the supply chain on their way to the customer is beneficial because it can protect your reputation in a food safety incident and open new market opportunities.

Established in 2008, the Provincial Premises Registry (PPR) registers unique parcels of land in Ontario associated with agri-food activities. Registering is completely voluntary, and provides the following benefits:

- Premises identification can strengthen your business by improving your market advantage and protecting your brand. It’s what retailers are demanding from their suppliers.
- An accurate premises registry enables the Ontario government to swiftly respond to incidents that could financially harm agri-food businesses, such as weather-related disasters, animal or plant disease outbreaks or contaminated food incidents.
- Registering with the PPR is the only way to obtain a Premises Identification Number (PID) in Ontario. Possession of a PID also qualifies you to participate in various agricultural programs.

### How to Register

Registering your premises is quick, easy and free. Simply fill out the online application form at [www.ontarioppr.ca](http://www.ontarioppr.ca) or call Angus GeoSolutions Inc. (AGSI is the official Registrar of the Ontario PPR), at 1-855-697-7743 to register in English or French.

You will be asked to describe the agricultural or agri-food activities that occur on your premises, to provide emergency contact information for your business and to accept the PPR consent statement. You will need to have

your Assessment Roll Number - your tax assessment number from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) handy, or if not, you will need to provide one of the following:

- Latitude and longitude coordinates from a global positioning system
- Legal land description (lot, concession number and township of the premises)
- Municipal address of the premises to be registered

### If you decide to register online

- Visit [www.ontarioppr.ca](http://www.ontarioppr.ca) and click on “Register Now”.
- Enter your contact information. Enter your premises information and indicate the activities occurring on the premises.
- You will be asked to read and accept the PPR consent statement.
- When you have completed the information categories related to the premises, you have the option to exit, to register a sub-premises (see article #3 in this series for more information) or register another Premises ID.

Once your premises information has been validated by AGSI, your premises will be assigned a unique Premises Identification Number. A PPR certificate will be mailed or e-mailed to you. Most certificates are sent out within two business days of receiving your updated information. You may be contacted if any discrepancies or questions arise.

While voluntary, participation in the PPR can benefit your business’ bottom line and it is quick and easy to do. Go online or call today to get started.

For more information contact the Ontario PPR at:  
13029 Steeles Ave., Halton Hills, ON L0P 1E0

Phone: 1-855-697-7743 (MY PPR ID)  
Web: [www.ontarioppr.com](http://www.ontarioppr.com)  
Fax: 905-876-2839  
Email: [ontarioppr@agsi.ca](mailto:ontarioppr@agsi.ca)



Vivian Daly receiving her Len Patterson Memorial Award, from Harry Emmott.

## LEN PATTERSON MEMORIAL AWARD

**Presented by Nothers Awards, London**

The 8th annual Leonard Patterson Memorial award will be presented at the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies annual convention in February 2017.

Leonard Patterson worked for Nothers for several years and made many contacts and friends at the fairs. He volunteered and worked diligently on the board of Mount Forest fair, as well as for District #10, where he served as their director on the OAAS board and was elected president in 1986. Nothers is presenting this award in Leonard's memory.

Agricultural Societies wishing to nominate their Secretary and/or Treasurer, who has served their organization for at least 15 years, may do so by sending their nomination to the OAAS Past Presidents' Association by December 1, 2016. There is no special nomination form. Please submit in writing, explaining in details why you feel your Secretary and/or Treasurer is deserving of this honour. If previously nominated, please re-apply with an updated profile.

**Please send your nomination to:**

OAAS Past Presidents' Association,  
 c/o Joanne Gregson, 16 Red Pine Cres.,  
 Wasaga Beach, Ontario L9Z 3B3 or email: [jwgregson@sympatico.ca](mailto:jwgregson@sympatico.ca)





## Liquor Liability

### Loss Prevention Bulletins

Does your Agricultural Society serve alcohol? If so, the increasing risk of liquor liability is a real potential. While this topic does extend beyond commercial operations into social and employer related function, the scope of this information is to assist in the effective management of risk. Training and preventive measures can be beneficial in reducing the potential for a loss.

Considering that a liquor liability claim can be made long after the actual event, the case can become difficult if adequate records have not been kept, witnesses and personnel are no longer around, and if the individual involved has been killed or seriously injured.

**The following tips and suggestions are provided to assist in reducing the potential of a loss:**

- Do your servers have training in any intervention programs in serving alcohol? There are various programs initiated through your provincial hospitality associations.
- Do you have a written or verbal policy and procedures program in effect, and is it being followed?
- What are your policy and procedures for serving suspected intoxicated patrons?
- Does your policy include sections dealing with: excessive consumption, refusal to serve if intoxication is suspected, ensuring designated drivers do not drink alcohol, and offering to pay for taxi, hotel rooms, or car service?
- Procedures to record incidents - a written incident log/report is encouraged to record any and all incidents of intoxication, eviction or injuries
- Contacting police if situation warrants intervention
- Is entry denied to persons who appear intoxicated?
- Does staff habitually check patrons to ensure they are of legal drinking age, asking for approved identification?
- Do you offer or suggest an alternative mode of transportation to intoxicated patrons? Is a telephone number for a taxi service posted and a phone available?
- Do servers inquire within groups if a designated driver has been chosen, and are non-alcoholic beverages supplied to that individual?
- Is your staff allowed to consume alcoholic while serving or at work?
- Is communication maintained between all staff if a patron is suspected of consuming too much?
- Can your staff effectively identify potential characteristics of an intoxicated person, such as - being overly friendly, slow response time, argumentative or belligerent, talking loudly and/or obscene language, making sexual advances, bumping into others, spilling drinks, physical appearances (glazed look), repeating jokes or stories, being careless with money?

With our changing legal environment, licensed establishments must exercise good management practices and strive for loss prevention measures and considerations to reduce the potential of a tragic loss - often resulting in death and/or serious - personal injuries.

For more information about this topic, and other risk management tips please contact Shawn LaPalm at 1-888-712-2667 or [shawn\\_lapalm@cooperators.ca](mailto:shawn_lapalm@cooperators.ca)

### Co-operators General Insurance Company

\*In this bulletin the reader is provided with information about loss control issues. The bulletin is not a substitute for a thorough loss prevention assessment. In those situations where there is a concern about issues raised in this bulletin the reader should seek professional advice. The Co-operators will not be responsible to the reader for any loss or damage which the reader may suffer as a consequence of having relied on this publication.

## Hello from your new... OAAS Office Manager, Vince Brennan.

After completing a month in my new role as Office Manager for OAAS; I am grateful and am looking forward with excitement to many more months to come.

Getting into the swing of my new title has been a very busy and rewarding time for myself. From being involved with the spring board meetings, undertaking all forms of correspondence, updating of the websites, creating and distributing documents, and numerous other day to day tasks.

I have participated in many meetings and phone calls over the past month with Kathryn and Kerry; and would like to thank both of them for their time and patience over this transition. I have met with our webpage designer, John Draper and have been able to begin my training on the ins and outs of webpage design.

I would like to show my appreciation to our Executive and Board of Directors for their support over this past month. I was given the opportunity to attend several of the district spring meetings and by doing so I now have a better understanding of the workings of your districts and in which ways I can assist in your goals. I look forward to meeting many of our Agricultural Societies in these coming months.

Here's to working together to make a strong and vibrant impact on Rural Ontario!

*Vince*

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