



# OSSTF DISTRICT 27 *LIMESTONE NEWS*

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## WE HAVE OUR THIRD WINNER

A draw was held from all those who sent in their home e-mail address... and the winner is **Jim Russell** of Sydenham High School.

Even though the contest is now over, please help us reduce the amount of paper the District uses. Sign up for home email delivery of the Limestone News along with important Federation communications.

Simply send an email  
from: your **HOME** email (not Firstclass)  
to: [osstf@kingston.net](mailto:osstf@kingston.net)  
subject: go green

and **VOILA!** you are on board!

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## OTF TEACHER VOICE on ASSESSMENT

The Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) Teacher Voice on Assessment (TVA) Survey has now been activated online at the following web link: [www.surveymonkey.com/tva](http://www.surveymonkey.com/tva). The survey will be active until Friday, March 19, 2010. All secondary school teachers should have received a letter from OTF inviting them to complete the survey if they are currently teaching courses involving student assessment and evaluation. OTF sent out the invitation letters to all worksites on January 27, 2010 asking the workplace OSSTF/FEESO representative, to distribute them to all teacher members at their work site.

OSSTF/FEESO is an active participant in this survey and we encourage all teacher members to complete the survey. The information entered into the survey cannot be linked to any individuals or schools, so we are asking all respondents to be as frank as possible. The completion time for the survey is approximately 20 minutes, but some extra time may be required if respondents want to add more details in the comments section of the survey. The more complete the information collected through the survey is, the more relevant the resources that are developed from the research phase of the project.

If there are any questions or comments about the survey please contact Marc Robillard ([robillm@osstf.on.ca](mailto:robillm@osstf.on.ca)) at the Provincial Office.

## AMPA 2010

The OSSTF/FEESO Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly (AMPA) is the supreme decision making body of the Federation and will be held from March 12-15, 2010 at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel. Each year districts from across the Province send their delegation to the annual meeting to engage in debate on the direction of OSSTF/FEESO. As part of this process, each year a large number of OSSTF Policies and Bylaws are debated, changed, added and removed. The 2010-2011 OSSTF/FEESO budget will also be adopted.



We would like to recognize this year's OSSTF Limestone District 27 Delegation and thank each of them for volunteering the first 4 days of their March Break to participate in our Federation's diplomatic process.

#### Delegates

Steve Newstead, Teresa Marrello, David Herrington, Sy Golosky,  
David Mathers, Elizabeth MacDonald, Scott Cashol, Stewart Williams,  
Annabelle Huffman, Carol Knowles

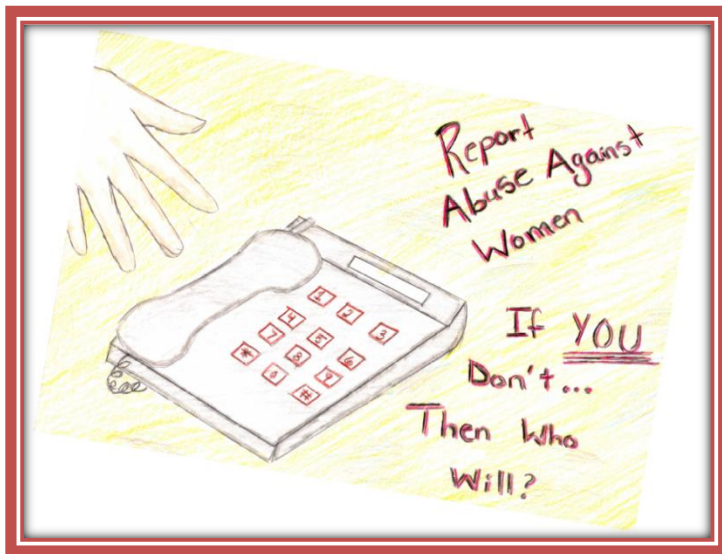
#### Alternate Delegates

Tiffany Myers, Roger Curtis, Sharon Lockyer

# POSTER CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Status of Women Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the **Help End Violence Against Women and Girls** poster contest. Preventing and ending the cycle of violence against women and girls requires each of us to work together every day to dismantle the structures that discriminate against girls and women. The purpose of the contest was to raise awareness of this issue in our schools. The winning poster will be reproduced and distributed to all worksites by the Status of Women Committee.

Congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> place winner Eden Whitehead, of Frontenac Secondary School, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner Winter Walker, of Amherstview Community Education Centre, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner Frank Hartwick, of Frontenac Secondary School.



The next Status of Women Committee meeting will be held on February 16, 2010 at 4 pm at the District Office. New members are always welcomed to attend.

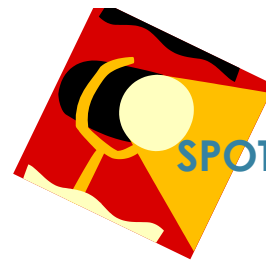
## Important Dates

- Educators Financial Retirement Workshop ..... Feb. 10, 2010
- Educators Financial Wills & Estate Planning Workshop..... Feb. 24, 2010
- Annual General Meeting ..... May 19, 2010
- Retirement Dinner ..... June 9, 2010



### Did you know?

The law gives a birth mother the right to be accommodated for medical conditions or disability during pregnancy. The employer cannot require her to take sick leave or start pregnancy-parental leave early as an alternative to providing reasonable accommodation that would make it possible for her to remain at work.



## SPOTLIGHT ON ...

### OSSTF Student Achievement Awards Regional Winner "Save the World – One Town at a Time"

Congratulations go out to **Ally Pennell, Dana Pennell and Molly Tousel**, students of **Aron Wilson at NDSS**. Their entry in the OSSTF Student Achievement Awards was chosen as both the Local and Regional Award winner.

The Student Achievement Awards is a writing and creative arts competition which is open to all public secondary school students in Ontario. The competition is meant to encourage the intellectual development of our students and an interest in society.

