

E news from Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario)

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On February 5 to 7, 2010, hundreds of enthusiastic Liberals from across Ontario, seasoned and fledgling, young and not so young, met together in Windsor, Ontario at Caesars Windsor for the LPC(O) 2010 Annual General Meeting. It had been almost 14 years since Federal Liberals had gathered in Windsor, but for many of us, it seems like only yesterday. We thank the many local volunteers for making delegates, presenters and staff feel so welcome.

Where have we been?

April 1989	Toronto	September 1998	Etobicoke
September 1990	Ottawa	September 1999	London
June 1991	Hamilton	November 2000	Hamilton
September 1992	Toronto	May 2002	Toronto
March 1993	Ottawa	June 2003	Ottawa
April 1994	London	October 2004	Niagara Falls
Feb 1995	Etobicoke	May 2006	Toronto
April 1996	Windsor	November 2007	Huntsville
February 1997	Ottawa	February 2010	Windsor

Management Reports:

Management reports, as submitted to the 2010 AGM, can now be found on the [LPC\(O\) website](#).

Tribute to Mike Crawley:

Opening ceremonies included a moving video tribute to outgoing President, Mike Crawley, who after serving as president since June 2003 has stepped down. Gathering with the Ontario delegates to thank Mike for his years of dedicated service to the Liberal Party of Canada, (Ontario) were his colleagues from the National Board of Directors which includes the PTA Presidents from our 13 provinces and territories.

[Mike Crawley Tribute – LPCO AGM 2010 Windsor](#)

Mike first joined LPC(O) as a young staffer in 1991. He has always been part of the Federal Liberal family. He has seen LPC(O) through three general elections, three leadership contests, and four nomination rounds. He has worked with four Executive Directors and four leaders of Liberal Party of Canada. During Mike's term of office, the Liberal Party has reorganized under redistribution and found ways to adapt after major changes to Canada's Elections Finances Legislation resulting from the passage of C-24 in 2004 and C-2 in 2006.

As a member of the National Board of Directors of the Liberal Party of Canada, Mike led the committee that brought in an updated governance model and a revised conflict of interest handbook. We thank Mike's wife Heather and his two young daughters Paige and Meghan for sharing Mike with us for these past many years!

Awards Luncheon:

Saturday, following a series of break out sessions, which provided delegates with a diversified menu of choice, delegates gathered to honour our outstanding volunteers. Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, outgoing LPC(O) President Mike Crawley, and LPC President Alfred Apps were on hand to help congratulate winners in three categories



1. Riding Volunteer of the Year Awards

Up to one nomination per EDA, OYL or OWLC club was accepted. Criteria encompasses all aspects of volunteerism to the Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario). Criteria to consider in making a nomination include: participation on a riding executive, participation on a campaign team, fundraising, policy development, organizational readiness, membership or communications committee activities, victory fund recruitment and promotion, municipal, provincial, or federal political volunteer activity, length of service, exceptional contributions and scope of LPC(O) activity.

[Volunteer of the Year Names - VOTY: Photo Gallery](#)

2. Riding of the Year

Points are assigned in the following 14 categories...

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| 1. Membership | 9. Tax-receipting filing compliance deadline |
| 2. AGM attendance | 10. Victory Fund program |
| 3. Board meeting attendance | 11. Executive meetings |
| 4. Required documents | 12. Committee work |
| 5. Optional documents | 13. Attendance at regional events |
| 6. Communications | 14. Communications |
| 7. Election readiness | 15. Commission members |
| 8. Fundraising proceeds | 16. Community outreach |

The recipient of the 2009 Riding of the year cup was Ottawa Centre. On hand to accept the cup were Riding President Pat O'Brian and Candidate Scott Bradley.



3. Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award: (Roger M. Kirkpatrick Memorial Award):

In the late 1990's, Liberals from across Ontario shared in the loss of Roger Kirkpatrick. Throughout the years, Roger spent more than four decades aiding and advocating the Liberal cause. As a past LPC(O) Secretary, Eastern Region President, Campaign Committee Member, Campaign Manager, Riding President, and all around Liberal activist, he is greatly missed.

Roger exemplified liberal values. He touched the lives of every Liberal, every politician and every person he knew. His good natured manner and his ability to see the bright side of every situation, set an example to everyone he had been dispatched to assist. Roger gave of his time and his expertise and never asked for anything in return. His spirit and dedication to the Liberal Party of Canada is a shining example to those who follow in his footsteps.

To commemorate his commitment to the Party, in 1997 the LPC(O) Executive Board passed a motion to establish the ROGER M. KIRKPATRICK MEMORIAL AWARD. The award is presented at each Annual General Meeting to the member of the Liberal Party of Canada in Ontario "who strives to continue Roger's lengthy contribution as a dignified, ethical, and diligent Liberal organizer who chaired meetings, encouraged others, and frequently diffused difficult situations."

Roger M. Kirkpatrick Memorial Award winners to date:

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| 1998: Jean Schwenger | 2004: Harvey Hyndman |
| 1999: Walter Muztka | 2006: Diana Weatherall |
| 2000: Gary Duhaime | 2007: Norma Lamont |
| 2002: Terrence McCarl | 2009: Hon. Marian Maloney |
| 2003: Janet Tieman | |

The 2009 recipient of the Roger Kirkpatrick Award, Hon Marian Maloney, was determined by a committee that has been established by the Executive Committee from a list nominees submitted from across the province.

In the words of one of her nominators: "The name Marian Maloney is synonymous with the Liberal Party. She is and has been the epitome of Liberal philosophy. A woman who cares, who takes charge and fulfills her obligations. She never gives up. She is sensitive to the views of others. She is adept in any situation. Her loyalty and fundraising capabilities are Boundless. Her enthusiasm endless. She is a true grit. "





This year, we were joined by the Council of President delegates from across Canada and participated in a joint session dedicated to the Canada 150 Conference that will be held in Montreal March 26 to 28. Modeled after the very successful Kingston and Aylmer Thinkers' conferences of the past, Canada: 150: Rising to the challenge, invites some of Canada's leading thinkers and doers to grapple with the big issues facing our country.

[Canada at 150: Rising to the challenge](#)

2010 LPC(O) Management team: (* were not up for election this AGM)

- President: Howard Stevenson
- * Executive Vice President: Meredith Caplan
- * Secretary: Rob Hamish Jamieson
- Treasurer: Lawrence Pinkney
- VP Organization: Jamie Maloney
- * VP Policy: Maryanne Kampouris
- * VP Communications: Bardish Chagger
- Central President: Jason Cherniak
- * Eastern President: Paul Mulligan
- * Golden Horseshoe: Peter Duffus
- Northern President: Michael Erskine
- Southwest President: Al Junker
- * Toronto President: Eileen Shuchat

Congratulations to each one of you who put your name forward seeking a position on the board. To a person, you ran positive, vigorous and well coordinated campaigns. Your platforms were thoughtful and 'Liberal', and you worked diligently before and at the AGM to meet and greet delegates while asking for their support. Our party is better served because of your continued involvement in the democratic process.

Coming Events: * to be confirmed

- March 11-15 OYL AGM (Richmond Hill) Contact: tsao.jonathon@gmail.com
- March 28-28 Canada at 150 Conference (Montreal) [Participate Online](#)
- May 29-30* LPC(O) Executive Board (Toronto)
- September 25-26 * LPC(O) Executive Board (Northern Ontario)
- October 25 * Municipal Election Day
- November 20 - December 5* Regional meetings (Regional dates to be confirmed)

Working together to overcome the challenges ahead