

Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario) 2010 Annual General Meeting February 5th to 7th, Windsor Ontario

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Secretary, LPC(O)

Dear Friend,

I have always been dedicated to increasing the membership in our party one member at a time. So I am pleased, with Meredith, to welcome our newest junior member and Little Grit: Rory Solomon Caplan Jamieson, born during the renewal period on December 13th, 2009!

Rory becomes the seventh generation to be part of the Grit family that has spanned this country from before Confederation.

And we are delighted to introduce him to his extended Liberal family this weekend, as we join together in Windsor with members from across our province and the country.

I have a presentation which will outline in person my report on membership. In a nutshell, we have to ensure in 2010 that together we finally move from a focus on membership administration to membership recruitment at every level of the party.

Until then, let me take this opportunity to speak of Grits. It is a term generally attributed to party member David Christie who long ago described the members of the 1850's reform movement as "all sand and no dirt; clear grit all the way through". The reference being to the type of sand preferred in the preparation of masonry.

Let me tell you of today's Clear Grits. They are the staff throughout this Big Red Machine who have been the mortar that has held us together as an organization here at LPC (O) and throughout LPC this past year. We are indeed fortunate to have outstanding individuals who day-in, day-out give us their personal best. I remain in awe of our team members who know no bounds to the word dedication.

Here's to Clear Grits. Here's to our fantastic staff. Here's to our colleagues on the Hill, and to our many friends throughout the ridings in Ontario who volunteer hours upon hours for our party. And here's to a great weekend as the Liberal family gathers to celebrate our successes and confront our challenges.

And please yourself, that should you read a badge that says "Party Staff", please stop and say thanks. While members of staff will politely refuse any form of libation as a form of thanks, please note I will gladly join you in multiple spirited toasts! Here's to Clear Grits everywhere!!!

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