

# Eastern Ontario Community Council Connections

## District Developer Update

April is here! I hope that means the warm weather is just around the corner! The snow is all gone here at home in Ottawa, and the tulips have started to peak through!

Welcome to the first Community Council Connections Newsletter! I hope that this new tool will help us stay more connected. Communication can be tricky in an organization as big as ours. It's important that we keep in touch and share ideas. I am gearing this newsletter towards Community Coordinators, but feel free to share it with anyone else.

I will use this, as well as the new website, to keep everyone in the loop. Please let me know if you have any suggestions or articles for the website or this monthly newsletter.

Suzanne ☺

*Do not follow where the path may lead.  
Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.*  
**Harold R. McAlindon**

## Suzanne's Task of the Month

If you have not already done so, please send me your program directory. I have attached a blank copy of the spreadsheet to this email in case you do not have it. It is so important that these directories get filled out. They will be used for our online directory tool which will help steer new volunteers and athletes in the right direction, as well as help me to keep current on what programs are running in your communities. Have a look at the online directory at:  
<http://directory.specialolympicsontario.ca/>

## Suzanne's Tips of the Month

Logos and Guidelines can be found on the Special Olympics Ontario Website. The logo is available to download in both JPEG, EPS format and DST file (embroidery for clothing).  
<http://www.specialolympicsontario.com/default.asp?contentID=46>

Have a look at the "Forms" section on the SOO website for anything from Registration forms to police check request letters to finance / banking forms and incident reports. It's a cool tool – check it out !

## Welcome To...

I would like to welcome April Haggart, a student from Algonquin College in the Recreation and Leisure Studies program. April is working on creating templates for communities to use, including brochures, flyers for new volunteers, flyers for registration nights, budgets etc. If there are any templates that you would like to see created, please let me know. April is with us for the month of April. She will also be updating the new Eastern Ontario District Website and doing all kinds of odds and sods! Please send her the following at

[AprilH@specialolympicsontario.ca](mailto:AprilH@specialolympicsontario.ca)

To Do:

- 1) A list of the current volunteer opportunities in your community. These will be posted on the website.  
<http://east.specialolympicsontario.ca/get-involved/volunteering/volunteer-opportunities>
- 2) One piece of exciting volunteer, athlete or community news that I can highlight on the website.

## News Flash!

Visit the new Eastern Ontario District site at <http://east.specialolympicsontario.ca>

View upcoming events on our calendar page.

Please send me any noteworthy announcements and they will be posted on the website. Announcements will be sorted into four sections: Sport & Competition, District News, Community News, and Provincial News.

Send me your volunteer opportunities so we can post them on the website too!

Spread the word! This is your site – I'm very open to feedback, so let me know what you think ☺

## District Highlights

Back in November, **Brockville** ran a very successful **Dinner Auction Fundraiser**. They worked very hard to plan the event and in the end wound up raising some much needed funds for new uniforms and equipment. The athletes showcased their hosting skills by greeting guests, helping with the auctions and speaking about the organization. They invited Rob McLellan, a World Games SO athlete from Perth to speak about his experiences. Rob wowed the crowd and helped make the evening an event to remember!

### **Speaker's Training**

On March 20th, 15 athletes from Durham, Kingston, Brockville, Perth, and Ottawa completed their Athlete Ambassador Speaker's Training. With the Spring Provincial Games being held in Kingston in 2012, you'll be sure to see some of these athletes speaking at and promoting the Games.

## Law Enforcement Torch Run!

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is coming! Here are the dates for this year's run:

**May 16-20:** Prescott, Kemptville, Rockland, Hawkesbury, Alexandria, Akwesasne, Cornwall, Long Sault, Morrisburg, Winchester, Thousand Islands, Gananoque, Brockville, Leeds City.

**May 24th-27th:** Belleville, Quinte West, Prince Edward County, Napanee, Stirling, Centre Hastings, Frontenac, Loyalist, Kingston

**June 13** - Ottawa

**June 14** – Pembroke, Petawawa, Barry's Bay

**June 15** - Renfrew, Arnprior

**June 16** - Perth, Carleton Place, Merrickville

## Kudos to...

Please pass on a big KUDOS to all the Spring Provincial Qualifier hosts!

Thank you so much for all your hard work organizing these competitions. The athletes are gaining valuable competition opportunities and having a great time!

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