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OPCCA's Official Newsletter

PAVING THE WAY TO VICTORY IN 2011

MESSAGE FROM THE OPCCA PRESIDENT

Fellow Campus Conservatives,

It's an exciting time to be a Campus Conservative in Ontario.

Our campuses have had an exceptionally strong year so far. We have formed two new campus clubs at Conestoga College and the U of T Scarborough Campus, with others on the verge of forming at Niagara College and UOIT.

Membership across the board has doubled to almost 1,500 members over the past year. There is still a lot of work to be done, but the effort put forward by our clubs right now in recruiting youth will pay dividends for our party in the 2011 election.

On the important training file, OPCCA hosted an ideological training session in Toronto on



MP Bob Dechert & Anosh Jacob, President of the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Conservative Association

February 6th with almost thirty people in attendance. Our executive hopes these sessions will help our activists think critically about conservative philosophy, policy and values and how it relates to party policy.

We are more than just volunteers of the party; we are also representatives of the conservative movement as a whole. With dialogue severely lacking on left-wing campuses about what it means to be a conservative, we hope OPCCA can help fill that void.

With several months to go before our Annual General Meeting in May, OPCCA still has several exciting new initiatives on the agenda.

Later this month we will be unveiling an issue campaign against McGuinty's deficit. Our executive believes that youth have a huge stake on this issue. Every dollar of

deficit spending by McGuinty is saddled to us in the future, and it is time we communicated that message on campus.

Secondly, on policy, we have launched post-secondary policy consultations through submissions via email or Facebook, and will be co-hosting an online youth policy town hall towards the end of March.

Along with these initiatives, we cannot forget that two by-elections are being fought in Leeds-Grenville and Ottawa West-Nepean. It is absolutely critical that our party succeeds in both ridings, and we can only do that with a reliable flow of volunteers.

I encourage all of you to do your part to help out in order to help pave the way for a Tim Hudak victory in the 2011 election.



Eric Merkley

President

Ontario PC Campus Association

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MARCH 4 SHOWDOWN: BRING IT ON MCGUINTYITES!

BY ALEXIA J. FORRESTER

OTTAWA— On March 4, let's tell the McGuintyites that "we ain't gonna take it anymore". Let's send them a clear message that their worn out Liberal Government is truly on its last legs.

March 4 is By-Election Day for both Ottawa West-Nepean and Leeds-Grenville, both of which can be won by our PC candidates: Beth Graham (O-W-N) and Steve Clark (L-G).

Ottawa West-Nepean came up for grabs when Liberal MPP Jim Watson stepped down in order to throw his hat into this year's Ottawa Mayoral race. This seat has been held by the Liberals since 2003, however, it is not a stronghold for them and given the their endless sweetheart deals, spending scandals and the record-high deficit, O-W-N could definitely turn blue and elect our candidate, Beth Graham. Federally, the seat is held by our conservative cousin, John Baird.

Leeds-Grenville opened up when MPP Bob Runciman was appointed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper as a Senator in January (pardon me, that should have been the Honourable Bob Runciman!). L-G has been a tory seat since its creation in 1987 and is expected to remain as such, electing our candidate, Steve Clark.

Despite prospects looking good, let's not get too smug. There is a lot of work to be done on both campaigns in order to win. Think of the Simpsons episode where Bart loses the Class Election to Martin due to his sheer complacency and assumption that he would win. That episode highlights that even if things are looking to be hands down in our favour, we still need to put in all the same work we would if things didn't look so bright.

That being said, both campaigns need all the help they can get. If you

are in the Ottawa or Brockville area, please volunteer any time you have—even a few hours once a week or a bit of time over the weekend makes all the difference!

Both campaigns are looking for volunteers to help make calls, go door-knocking, stuff envelopes, and not to mention fill the endless jobs on Election Day, including scrutineers and drivers.

Together, we can ensure both Beth Graham and Steve Clark get sent to Queen's Park as the next two PC MPPs, granting our party more fuel to stand up against the McGuintyites and help pave the way to the victory of a PC government in 2011.

I look forward to seeing you all in the trenches and at the victory parties! Please contact the respective campaigns to find out how you can help.

BETH GRAHAM

Ottawa West-Nepean



Beth needs *our help* to get elected as MPP for Ottawa West-Nepean! If you can volunteer **any** of your time (even one hour over the weekend!), please visit her website and fill out the volunteer form.

You can also contact the campaign office directly by phone or e-mail:

www.BethGraham.ca

613-226-1717

volunteer@bethgraham.ca

GET INVOLVED!



OPCCA Members with Beth Graham at the PCPO Training Session in Ottawa

STEVE CLARK

Leeds-Grenville



Steve needs *our help* to get elected to Queen's Park to represent Leeds-Grenville. Help ensure his victory by volunteering on his campaign!

Fill out the volunteer form on his website or contact the campaign office by phone or e-mail, as listed below.

www.SteveClark.ca

613-898-9252

info@steveclark.ca



REGISTER for the
PCPO AGM online at:
www.agm2010.ca

AGM
Ottawa
March 5-7, 2010

Featuring:
2011 Election Readiness Seminar, Policy Discussion Groups, Keynote Address from Tim Hudak and much more!

TORONTO CENTRE BY-ELECTION DEBRIEF

BY ANDREW BROWETT

TORONTO- On February 4th, the voters in Toronto Centre went to the polls to select a replacement for George Smitherman.

Although the final result, in one of the Liberals' safest seats, was disappointing, we still have much to be proud of. We ran a great candidate, Pamela Taylor, whose dedication to both conservative principles and her community is exemplary.

The campaign was an excellent opportunity to spread our message, focusing on the Liberals' record-setting budget deficit and outrageous tax hikes like the HST.

We also drew attention to Glen Murray's disappointing record as Mayor of Winnipeg, in addition to

gaffes like his claim (twice!) at an all-candidates' meeting that HST would create 500 million jobs.

Pam's campaign benefited from outstanding support from many volunteers. Tim Hudak campaigned with Pam several times, and most of our caucus members joined him in volunteering. Also, dozens of OPCCA members from clubs all over Ontario volunteered.

OPCCA activists played key roles in the campaign, ranging from canvassing at the OPCYA convention, to recruiting other youth volunteers, to scrutineering on Election Day.

Despite the disappointing result, the hard work and dedication shown by Pamela, her campaign

team, and our many volunteers were highlights of the campaign. So is the success we had in raising awareness of both the Liberals' shortcomings, and our message.

In closing, thanks to all of you volunteered to help Pamela, and I hope to see you on the next campaign!



Canvassing at the OPCYA Convention: Beth Corbett, Rayan Chattopadhyay, Sabine El-Chidiac & Anosh Jacob



Andrew Browett sat for two years on the executive of the University of Toronto Campus Conservatives, graduating last year in History and Classics. Andrew was the volunteer co-ordinator for Pamela's campaign.



Canvassing with Pamela Taylor: Collin Johnstone, Chris Chapin, Eric Hampel & Trent Blanchette

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PCPO HQ INTERNSHIP POSITIONS

Send your CV and cover letter to Ted Matthews, Executive Director

E-mail: matthewsted@aol.com

Fax: 416-861-9593

Deadline: End of February 2010



CPC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

www.cpcenergy.ca/EN/528

Deadline: February 28, 2010



MANNING CENTRE SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

www.manningcentre.ca/event/summer-internship-program

Deadline: March 24, 2010

FEBRUARY 2010

Key Events

- **Feb. 27:** Ideological Training Session @ uOttawa
- **Feb 27:** OPCCA Post-Secondary Education Online webinar
- **March 4:** Ottawa West Nepean & Leeds-Greenville By-Elections
- **March 5-7:** PCPO AGM in Ottawa

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Toronto Centre By-Election	5	6 Ideological Session @ UofT
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 LG & OWN events with Hudak	19	20 Canvassing Blitz in OW-N
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Ideological Session & Webinar
28	1	2	3	4 O-W-N & L-G By-Elections	5 PCPO AGM	6 PCPO AGM

OPCCA IDEOLOGICAL TRAINING SESSION— TORONTO

BY DAN WHITE

TORONTO- On February 6, 2010 OPCCA held its first ever Ideological Training Session in Toronto at the University of Toronto.

The goal of these sessions is to remind our members what it means to be conservative, and to take the time to remember that there is more to the conservative movement than coming out on top on Election Day.

The Toronto session featured academics Dr. Loren King of Wilfrid Laurier University, Dr. George Bragues of the University of Guelph Humber, and the former Minister of Education for Ontario John Snobelen.

Each presenter spoke on one of the three core themes covered: political theory, economics, and



Attendees with John Snobelen, Toronto Sun Columnist & former MPP



Dr. George Bragues speaking to attendees

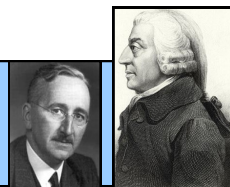
political rights and values.

I would like to thank the U of T Conservatives and President Brittany D'Arcy for hosting this event, and hope everyone present had the chance to learn more about our conservative roots.

I know we will have an equally good turnout at the University of Ottawa on February 27, 2010 for our second session featuring MP Scott Reid.

For more information about the upcoming Ideological Training Session in Ottawa, contact Dan White, our Director of Training, at: danw95@hotmail.com

OPCCA PRESENTS: IDEOLOGICAL TRAINING SESSION
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 @ U OF OTTAWA- Fauteux Rm. 232 (10:00am-4:30pm)



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