



The Nepean-Carleton Liberal News

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President's Podium:

On January 24, the Nepean Carleton Federal Liberal Association held its Annual General Meeting at the Walter Baker Recreation Centre. It was a great turnout of people and wonderful opportunity to catch up with fellow liberals to talk about current political affairs and riding association business. Election fever was in the air and speculation on the timing of the next election dominated most conversations.

Members were given an overview on some of the key business matters and developments in the association.

The evening also saw the election of a new Board of Directors. Several new members joined the Board and will lend considerably to our activities. They each bring great qualities and spirit that will no doubt lend to a better association. As President, I extend a warm welcome to each of them and thank them for offering their time.

Our financial situation is satisfactory at the moment but needs to improve as we head closer to an election. Fundraising is a priority and we are making important steps forward in this regard with the revival of the ChequeMate Club. Also, we recently held a major fundraiser on February 12. The Hon. Bill Graham, former Leader of the Party and Official Opposition was the guest of honour. It was Nepean-Carleton's opportunity to pay tribute to Mr. Graham and hear from one of the great MP's in Canada. Several MPs including, Carolyn Bennett, Hed Fry, Mauril Belanger, joined fellow Liberals for what turned out to be a great evening.

For those members interested in taking a

more active role in the association we have several committees underway including policy, communications and election readiness. All committees are quite active and members are encouraged to get involved.

For more information on how to get involved with any of the committees please contact Nardin Ghahary at nardin.ghahary@sympatico.ca. Nardin is the Volunteer Coordinator for the riding and will assist you with getting you started.

--Gordon Shields, President

Nepean Women's Liberal Association.

Currently we are focusing on the next election, memberships and fundraising. If you wish to renew your membership or become a new member of NWLA, please contact Patricia Pepper at 829-9821 or by email at Patricia1@primus.ca

Our first fundraising dinner of 2007 will be held in late March in conjunction with our AGM when a new executive will be elected and an interesting guest speaker will be invited. We look forward to having members of the NCFLA join us as everyone is welcome. For further details please contact the President, Dianne Lee at 613-599-8505 or by email at bobdilee@rogers.com

Our Executive Vice President, Patricia Pepper is assisting Linda Julien who was recently appointed Women's Candidate Search Director by our new leader, Stéphane Dion. Any women interested in running as a candidate, seeking the nomination or needing more information, should contact Patricia.

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The NCFLA Website Re-Launched!

The Nepean-Carleton Federal Liberal Association recently re-launched its new-and-improved website at www.ncfla.org. It is our goal to make this new and existing website the hub of communication for the NCFLA. The redesigned site has been enhanced to make our web presence more functional and interactive. Further, it will offer practical services to Association members and the members of our community. Quite simply, it will become the place to go if you want to know about what's going on in the Nepean-Carleton, in the Liberal Party, or if you want to ask a question or share an idea with others.

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The site will continue to evolve in the weeks and months to come, but even now you will see a growing abundance of information, including Liberal News Feeds, Liberals Links, key Liberal documents, Breaking News in the Riding, and Forums for discussion of issues of concern to the members of the Association.

To have access to the full range of items available on the site, including the opportunity to post in the Forums, you must create an account and have your membership in the Association verified. Kevin Davidson is our new webmaster and the principal designer of the site, and I will be assisting him. We hope you enjoy the site, but most of all we hope you use the site.

--Barry Cameron, NCFLA Director

Your NCFLA Board of Directors for 2007:

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