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## The BUZZ from the Bureau

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National Volunteer Week has once again come and gone, with it a reminder to all of us of the importance of verbalizing to each and every volunteer our appreciation of their support. Many of you have expressed to me how simply wonderful your volunteers have been throughout this past year. Indeed how many of our programs and services would be cancelled if we could not utilize our volunteers. Taking the time each and every time you run into a volunteer to thank them for a job well done or simply a smile and a sincere comment goes a long way in retaining that volunteer. The most often comment we hear from an unhappy volunteer who wants another volunteer opportunity, is that they did not feel valued or appreciated.

We are excited here at the Bureau to have formalized our part-

nership with the Upper Canada School Board! We have become their identified partner in the promotion of volunteerism in their schools, and look forward to igniting the spirit of volunteerism in their students. We are happy to announce we will have a summer student funded by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration working on an annual student volunteer award program this summer.

Additionally, we have recently formed a partnership with St. Lawrence College in Brockville. In July, we will start up our first student volunteer office in the college in conjunction with their Job Connect Program. This important connection will involve students in community service addressing local needs, while developing their sense of civic responsibility, and commitment to community.

Building bridges between schools, colleges and the voluntary sector is

one of our goals since 2003.

Through these partnerships we will better serve our communities and hope to enrich and expand the students' educational and civic engagement experiences.

We welcome new board member and local business owner Susan Ashley, and look forward to working with her. Our new Chairman, Neil O'Brien and Vice Chair, Mary Lou Smitheram, together with board members, Gordon McCrady, Betsy Heately, Nancy Van Ulden, Doug Beattie, are excited to be actively working with the Bureau in our 25<sup>th</sup> year. This current board is actively recruiting board members, as we now have a few positions available. We are looking for individuals through Leeds and Grenville interested in building capacity in volunteerism in their own communities.



## STAR Volunteer

**SANDRA LAWN**

Sandra Lawn is one of the busiest ladies in Leeds & Grenville! Her passion and dedication to volunteerism is truly inspiring and we honour her efforts.

Just to give you some idea of her wide range of her current volunteer commitments:

- Director/Treasurer of St. Lawrence Shakespeare Theatrical Company;
- Co-chair of Ontario Senior Games Winterfest 2007;
- Member, South Grenville Economic Development Committee;
- Chair of Friends of the Prescott Public Library;
- Director of the Queen's University Centre for Water and the Environment;
- Director, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Ontario Board;
- Editorial boards of Synergy and [www.recoveryconnections.ca](http://www.recoveryconnections.ca) (mental health initiatives associated with Queen's University and others); and
- Director of Connect Youth, Prescott; member of Spencerville & District Optimist Club, and more!!!

Sandra is a hero, also known as **Woman of the Year** in 2006, from Girls Inc (April 2006)

## Agency HIGHLIGHT

**PRESCOTT YOUTH CENTRE**



The mission for the Prescott Youth Centre is to provide socially acceptable activities, events and programs which will enhance and guide the youth to the positive aspects of the individual, team work, community involvement, leadership, honesty and integrity. Also to build on their talents and abilities to the community while showcasing the positive aspects of the youth to the community.

To accomplish these goals, the Prescott Youth Centre provides a drop-in centre with a multitude of activities scheduled such as arts and crafts, "girls only" nights, computer access, dances, movie nights, games tables, pool competitions, summer programs and more.

Located at 438 King Street West in Prescott, the hours of operation are: Monday to Friday from 6:00 to 9:00 pm and on Saturdays from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. For more information, contact Tracey Warren at 925-2004.