



OPAction Newsletter



SPRING 2024



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Spring OPA Campout “Back to Basics”

Many thanks to VP Ruth & Michael Taziar for volunteering to chair a committee of independent & chapter members to host the 2024 Spring OPA Campout. See page 2 for details.



Highlights From Voting Delegates Meeting

Check out page 5 to see OPA updates concerning membership, finances, and important news regarding the future of our Ontario Provincial Association.



Recruitment Efforts

See what efforts are being taken to attract new members and who has been volunteering. Details are on page 4.



2024 Retiree Rally

Organizers are hard at work putting together another fun-filled week at Norwich on Monday June 10-Friday June 14. See details on page 4.



URGENTLY NEEDED

- Nominees for the positions of President and Recording Secretary. The future of OPA depends on it.
- Completion of the online survey for 5-Year Plan
- Your Vote for International Trustees (VP of Programs & Recording/Corresponding Secretary)– Vote online before April 15.



"Back to Basics" Spring OPA 2024

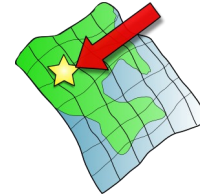


When: Friday May 17 — Monday May 20.
Early bird day is Thursday May 16



Where: Harriston Community Complex
111 George Street South,
Harriston, Ontario.
N0G 1Z0

519-338-3015



Price: \$70/unit for 3 nights Camping
& Activities
\$20 for Early Bird camping



Roast Beef Supper at Harriston
United Church on Saturday night.
Please register online if you want
tickets. Pay \$22 per ticket when you
arrive.



Penny Sale

Bring along all of
your gently used
items from your
"Spring Cleaning"
to donate to the
Field Director's
Penny Sale.



Registration:

Option #1: Register online at opafrv.ca and send e-transfer
of \$70 to opafrvfinancial@gmail.com. Be sure to add "OPA
Spring 2024 + your name & email address in the comment
section of the transfer.

Option #2: Register online at opafrv.ca and mail a cheque
made payable to "Ontario Provincial Association" to Ruth
Taziar, 1132 3rd Side Road, Campbellville, Ontario, L0P 1B0
(Make note on the cheque that its for Spring OPA 2024.)

Option #3: Download a paper copy of the registration form
from opafrv.ca and mail it , along with a cheque ,to the above
address.

Bring along some extra cash
to support the
Poor Person Lunch
and
Ice Cream Sundaes



Know Before You Go

Arrive with full water tanks if
possible.

Only 15 amp electric available
Bring extra extension cords &
water hose.

No generators please

Dump Station Available



Fall OPA 2024 *STAY TUNED...*

WHO: The Tri-County Travellers have expressed interest in hosting Fall OPA 2024. Their completed bid will be presented for approval at the voting delegates meeting in May.

WHEN: Friday August 30, 2024—Monday September 2, 2024. Early bird day Thursday Aug. 29.

WHRE: * *Tentative** Brigden Fairgrounds, 2435 Courtright Line, Brigden, Ontario .
Electric hook ups, water and dump station available and included in registration.

WHAT: Details to followstay tuned.



MEMORIAL

We fondly remember the following members who died in 2023.

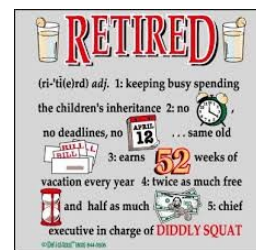
Donald Wood
Bill Henderson
Ken Sparling
Elaine Lecot
Aggie Boden

Betty Willock
Roy Kemsley
Brenda Almond
Ernie Gillespie



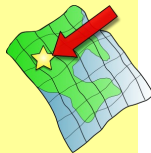


2024 Retiree Rally



WHERE?

Norwich Community Centre & Arena.
53 1/2 Stover Street, South
Norwich, Ontario. N0J 1P0



Showers available in the
Community Centre Tues., Wed., & Thurs.
Washrooms available Mon.-Friday
inside Community Centre.



HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

\$140/unit + \$10 per person for 3
meals and ice cream social.
Price includes free sewer pump out
on Friday morning.
Send cheque made payable to
“Ontario Retiree Rally”
to Marilyn Rosenberger,
511-1505 Ottawa St. N.
Kitchener, Ontario. N2A



WHEN?

Monday June 10—Friday June 14.
No Sunday arrivals please!
Gates open Monday at noon.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Retiree Olympics	Golf
Bocce Ball	Card Making
Washer Toss	Seminar
Musical Entertainment	Card Bingo
50/50 Draws	Door Prizes
Nightly “Hospitality”	Fireman’s BBQ

Meal Package Includes: 1 breakfast, 1 lunch,
1 catered supper, 1 ice cream sundae.



**BRING A “FIRST-TIMER”
AND QUALIFY
TO WIN A PRIZE!!**



Recruitment Efforts LONDON RV SHOW

In an effort to recruit new members and to promote OPA and FCRV, several individuals volunteered to attend the London RV Show during the 4 days of the Family Day weekend in February 2024. Volunteers included Camy Hicks, Ruth & Michael Taziar, Jim & Lynn Sampson, Helen & Jerry Finkbeiner, Ben & Linda Vandevyvere, Terry & Faye Swanburg, Mabel Douglas, Barbara Skipper and Jack Smye. Thirty-six names were collected from interested attendees who wished to enter a contest to win a free campout anytime during our 2024 camping season. The five winners are; Robert Harrison, Jeff Tickey, Crystal Lowe, Miranda Denver and Karen Hodgins. These individuals will receive free registration to attend one of the following campouts—Spring OPA, Fall OPA or the Retiree Rally.



Highlights from March 3, 2024 OPAVD meeting

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance as of March 1, 204	\$18,574.51
Investments (2 GIC)	<u>\$13,228.00</u>
Total Assets	\$31,802.51

* Our bank balance includes the following monies being held " In Trust" :

Ontario Teen Association \$1,820.44
Pull Tabs \$ 777.50



Membership Update

As of March 3, 2024

OPA Members.....55
Ontario FCRV members.....89
FCRV International.....1642

March 3 Roll Call Attendance

Executive Board Delegates.....8/9
Committee Chair Delegates....7/11
Chapter Delegates.....3/5

There are currently 5 paid chapters
& 8 independent members.

Nominating Committee

Mabel Douglas, committee chairman, was saddened to report that despite the recruiting efforts of her committee, they were unable to present any names for the positions of
President
Recording Secretary

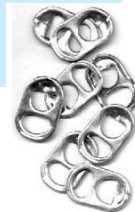
Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the May 2024 Voting Delegates Meeting.

According to the Constitution, if these positions are not filled, OPA will be considered for dissolution at that time.

If you are willing to volunteer for either of these positions for a 2 years term, contact
Mabel Douglas -malord@hotmail.com
or Lynn Acre - lynnacre1957@gmail.com
or Camy Hicks-camyhicks@gmail.com

Pull Tabs Update

Since Fall OPA in September,
Wayne Rosenberger has collected and cleaned
14 pounds of pop tabs & crushed cans.
Please bring tabs and crushed cans to
Spring OPA 2024



Five Year Plan Update

The five year plan committee is conducting an online survey of all OPA members. The information gleaned from this survey will be used to direct the committee as they plan for the future of OPA.

Special thanks to Dave Warrington for developing and circulating the online survey.

If you have not completed your survey,
do so immediately.
Your opinions matter!



Election of Trustees for 2024-2025

Every FCRV membership holder has received an email directing them to vote for the following trustees.

VP of Programs

Recording/Corresponding Secretary

There are 2 choices for each position. President Gerry Pfirsch is unopposed and will serve another term.



International News

Campvention 2024

Both our Regional Directors and our Provincial Directors have joined the CV 2024 Planning Team. Activities planned include; seminars, musical entertainment, FCRV's Got Talent show, door prizes, Market Place sales, Wildlife Raffles, Site Decorating Contest, Parade, Pet Parade, various forms of C.A.M.P. (dancing, walking, cycling, canoeing etc.), crafts, anniversary dinner, luncheons, daily hospitalities, onsite tram transportation, teen & youth programs, adult activities, family fun day, first timers meetings, campfire sing-a-longs and more.

There's something for everyone.

Join in the fun as we remember our past and celebrate our future in FCRV!



Website Update

Webmaster Dave Warrington reports that "Camping Today" magazine continues to be posted to the website for anybody who doesn't receive it or who wants to refer to an earlier publication.

Information, including Registration forms, for upcoming OPA campouts, the Retiree Rally and Campvention 2024 can all be found on the website under "Events".

Website designers have been emailing our Webmaster offering to make some modest changes which might increase our audience substantially. Results from our membership survey will determine if any action will be taken.





UPcoming EVENTS



* CANCELLED*
May 17—20, 2024

June 10—14 2024
June 23—29, 2024

Aug. 30—Sept 2 2024
Sept. 27—29, 2024

Blue Water Mini Mixer, Port Huron, Michigan
Spring OPA Campout , Harriston, Ontario
Early bird day Thursday May 16
Ontario Retiree Rally, Norwich, Ontario
Campvention, Herkimer, New York
Early Bird days June 21 & 22
Fall OPA Campout , *Brigden, Ontario (*tentative location)
Blue Water Mixer, Imlay City, Michigan.



Save the Date

CAMPVENTION 2024

Remembering the Past, Celebrating the Future

Sunday June 23—Saturday June 29, 2024
Early Bird Days Friday & Saturday June 21 & 22

Cost \$350.U.S. / family
At the Gate \$385 U.S./family
Early Bird days \$45 each day / Pay upon arrival

Pay online with credit card/paypal/debit

Register online at fcrv.org

