

Annual General Meeting, 2015



Irene Manahan congratulates Jim Youngson on his 50 years of PDK membership as they reminisce with Shelagh Harris. Shelagh received her 35 year certificate. Shelagh was the chapter's first female president; in her speech about equity Gerry Connelly talked about how the U of T chapter was the first PDK chapter to admit women into what had previously been a fraternal organization.



Tim Rudan's Chapter Presidency is ending; he is moving into Membership with Co-chair Jelena Rakovac. They presented Carolyn Moras (Centre) her 25 year certificate. Carolyn is a past chapter president of PDK and currently volunteers as a Spelling Bee of Canada Coordinator.



Conversing about current issues in education are Joan Green, past Director of TDSB, Paul Favro, who writes our Hot Topics research column, Harold Braithwaite, past director of Peel DSB and Moveta Nanton, past chapter president.



Former outstanding educator Mary Jean Gallagher is pictured here with her husband. With them, is Gerry Connelly, the current Outstanding Educator and her husband Michael Connelly, a past chapter president.



Bev Freedman, past chapter president, enjoying the fellowship of her colleagues Susan Schwartz of OISE and Wanda Matuszkiewicz, former superintendant of TDSB. Susan is the author of Creating the Dynamic Classroom.



Two researchers, Lorna Earl, past chapter president and research chair, chatting with Paul Favro, our current research columnist. Paul is Chief of Research & Evaluation, Peel DSB and also is on the York University Faculty of Ed.



Gerry Connelly meets Zenobia Omarali, with son Adam, a long standing ChalkWalk participant, and husband Bill Velos. Zenobia is currently ChalkWalk Chair. She has used ChalkWalk to develop leadership skills in her students. Bill is heavily involved with the service aspect of PDK; he is the "voice" of Spelling Bee of Canada.



Bruce Rodrigues, CEO of EQAO, chatting with Akela Peoples, President and CEO of the Learning Partnership. They were at the AGM to honour their friend and colleague Gerry Connelly, recipient of the Outstanding Educator Award. Gerry is currently Director, Policy & Knowledge Mobilization at the Learning Partnership.



Mailkil Kamel, a Georges Vanier student honing his leadership skills as Student Chair of ChalkWalk, has an opportunity to chat with Faculty students Michael Gysels and Kiefer Schlosser-Shields at the AGM.



Phyllis Hill, former TDSB Superintendent, Mary Lowe, who went to EQAO after her stint as TDSB Superintendent, Gen-Ling Chang, former Associate Director of TDSB and Bruce Rodrigues chat at the AGM reception.



ChalkWalk is our primary source of fundraising for the awards. Pauline Quan (middle), ChalkWalk Co-chair, received both the chapter and International Excellence in Student Teaching Award in 2005, at our 50th anniversary. It is now called the Susan Seidman Award. Susan is shown above with Jo Ann Fujioka (left) at ChalkWalk in Chicago in 2005 when Jo Ann was International PDK President. Pauline and husband Kevin at ChalkWalk in Vancouver 2007.

Justina Ilevbare won our Chapter 2015 Prospective Educator Award and also received the International Prospective Educator Award called Jo Ann Ota Fujioka Scholarship named for Jo Ann shown above.