

OPA News

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Please mark your calendars for June 9 and 10, 2010 and plan to attend the 15th Annual OPA Conference and Golf Tournament. The Organizing Commit-

tee (Member Service Task Force), Chaired by Rob Whyte from British Empire Fuels in Bobcaygeon, has been hard at work planning for this important anniversary celebration. Again this year, the Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn in Guelph, and the Golf Tournament will be held at Springfield Golf and Country Club in nearby Aberfoyle. Please watch

your mail, as an information package including your Conference line up, Registration Forms, and Sponsorship Opportunities will be sent out shortly. It promises to be a memorable event.

OPA Unbeatable Energy
15th ANNUAL Conference & Golf Tournament

This Just In ...

January has been an extremely busy month at the OPA offices in Oakville. Aside from several meetings involving TSSA, the CSA B149 Technical Committee, the OPA ERAP Task Force and others, there has also been a reorganization of the responsibilities within the OPA office. Val Braun (val@propane.ca) has been given the responsibility of the training arm of the OPA and Gord Ellis (gord@propane.ca) has been appointed the Managing Director on an interim basis until the completion of the Association's Strategic Review. Rene Chartier (rene@propane.ca) continues to provide guidance to Val and Gord, and has been a tremendous help during this transition. Val, Gord and Rene can be reached by phone (905) 469-1941 and by fax (905)469.1942.

New Minister, But Not "That New"

Recent OPA discussions with the Ministry of Consumer Services have been conducted directly with the Honourable Ted McMeekin. On January 18, 2010 Minister McMeekin's responsibilities were taken over by the Honourable Sophia Aggelonitis, as the Minister of Consumer Services. Minister Aggelonitis may be new to the position, however she is not new to the OPA. Before the holidays, we attended some events she hosted (in her previous capacity as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, responsible for Small Business) and we have maintained communications with her office. Minister Aggelonitis knows us, and has a good understanding of our concerns. When she was named as a cabinet minister, the OPA sent a congratulatory note to her Constituency Office in Hamilton Mountain.