

## Progressive Conservative Party Youth Convention

October 27-29 2006 was an exciting weekend for Ontario PC Youth. Nearly 150 Youth gathered in Toronto for the OPCYA 2006 Convention to renew acquaintances, elect an Executive, and increase Youth effectiveness.

Kicking off the weekend, the outgoing Executive reflected on their accomplishments and identified opportunities for the incoming Executive. Then, the energetic Tim Hudak, MPP and Caucus liaison to the Youth, entertained us with his renowned humour. Four "Senators" were inducted...all former Youth who

have achieved success within the Party but continue to wholeheartedly support the OPCYA today.

Saturday was full of information sessions ranging from Technology to Advertising, Advance to GOTV, and Platform to Youth Development. PCPO Leader John Tory, Campaign Legend John Laschinger, and MPP Frank Klees were notable guests. The highlight of the day was the Vice Presidential "Bear pit", which provided delegates the opportunity to grill candidates in the 3-way race for 1st VP of the OPCYA.

As the Convention drew to a close on Sunday, delegates voted for the two contested Executive positions. Elected are Jonathan Amor 1st VP and Andrew Miller Policy Director, both having roots in Eastern Ontario. Finally, the OPCYA showed Dalton McGuinty what they thought of his record of broken promises as they participated in a protest outside the Liberal Convention.

Two SDSG Youth delegates, Shane Barnes and Priscilla Franklin, attended this never-to-be-forgotten Convention.

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## STORMONT - DUNDAS - SOUTH GLENGARRY PROVINCIAL RIDING ASSOCIATION



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# ON COMMON GROUND

N E W S L E T T E R

## CHRIS SAVARD SELECTED BY TORIES



A Cornwall politician, businessperson and community activist has been acclaimed as Ontario PC candidate in this riding for the next Ontario election. Chris Savard, 38, was selected at a recent meeting attended by 150 persons.

A former member of city council for 10 years, Savard is general manager of Cornwall Square Mall, and chairperson of the annual hot air balloon festival.

Savard and his wife Shawna

have three children Taylor, Cameron and Cassidy. The candidate is a member of our riding association's executive, and handles our web site and is chairperson of our annual Noble Villeneuve Golf Classic.

He is taking a French course at St. Lawrence College these days, as a way of preparing to represent Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry in the Ontario Legislature.

Savard told the meeting he has "stood firm to four personal philosophies" in his public life. "First, be accessible, be accountable, be informed and stand up for the things you believe in. I strongly believe in operating a government like you would run your own business or household, by doing your homework on important issues and by being fiscally responsible with taxpayers' money.

"I believe in making tough decisions when they have to be made

and by respecting the views and opinions of colleagues, staff and the public."

The candidate criticized the McGuinty Liberals for reducing the budget of the Ministry of Agriculture by \$169 million in 2005 and \$244 million in 2006. "That's not how you make agriculture a lead ministry. It's not how you help farmers in crisis."

And he accused the Liberals of neglecting autistic children including Ryan Jolicoeur of Cornwall, by taking \$67 million away from support programs for them since 2003.

Conservative Member of Parliament Guy Lauzon spoke at the meeting as well, saying the Ontario Liberals are best at breaking their promises to voters and raising taxes. He said the surprise health tax instituted by McGuinty in 2004 has raised \$2.4 billion from voters' pockets.

## Second Annual Noble Villeneuve Golf Classic – A Huge Success!



Area supporters of the Ontario PC Party enjoyed great weather, a fund day of golf and a tasty meal at their golf tournament held in Cornwall on August 26th. The 2nd Annual Event is called the Noble Villeneuve Golf Classic and is a tribute to the popular, long-serving, former MPP.

The Organizing Committee is Chaired by Chris Savard, and Committee members include Glen Grant, Todd Fetterly, Judy Bobka, Barry Millett and Gerry Flaherty. The event was held at Summerheights Golf Links and featured a hip of Canadian Beef dinner, as well as a prize table and small auction.

The winning foursome for 2006 was made up of Sean Mecteau, David Murphy, Danik Roy and former MPP and Agriculture Minister Brian Coburn (right). Noble Villeneuve (seated) and his wife Elaine attended the dinner.

### Other winners included:

#### 7 South - Closest to the Pin

Lawrence Larocque  
(Security System from Freedom Wireless)

#### 8 South – Closest to the Bluebird

Claude Cousineau  
(Christmas Turkey from SDSG PC Riding Association)

#### 9 South – Closest to the Pin

Charles Barkley  
(Overnight Stay from Ramada Inn & Conference Centre)

#### 11 South – Closest to the Pin

Ian McGillivray  
(Overnight Stay from Best Western Parkway Inn)

#### 16 South – Closest to the Pin

Barry Brundige  
(Prize from Eldon Horner)

#### 18 South – Ladies Longest Drive

Isabelle Andre  
(Driver from Maynard's Your Independent Grocer)

#### 18 South – Mens Longest Drive

Mike Hogan  
(Driver from Maynard's Your Independent Grocer)

The 2007 Noble Villeneuve Golf Classic is set for Saturday August 25, 2007 and our Guest Speaker will be Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty. The cost will be \$100 per person for the round of golf (with cart) and the special dinner, and those who prefer not to golf are welcome to attend the dinner for \$40. The event is a important activity for the local Ontario PC Party riding association for Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry.

Golfers in ones or twos are welcome and will be paired up to create foursomes. Savard may be contacted at [chris@chrissavard.ca](mailto:chris@chrissavard.ca) or by phoning **613-933-8973**.

### The BLUEBIRD returns!

## TURKEY SALE! TURKEY SALE!

Your last chance to buy a turkey before the election!  
Ontario will go to the polls in October 2007.

### Our support is needed now!

Buy a turkey for \$100.00, and help win Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry for the PCs.

You will receive a \$25.00 "turkey", your 2007 membership, and a \$75.00 Tax receipt

**Your actual cost is just \$18.75 and this does not include the \$10.00 membership value.**



## Norm Sterling says: 2007 Provincial Election is 'A Real Opportunity for Tories'

The McGuinty Liberal government is "totally out of control and incompetent and ripe for the picking," according to longtime Ontario PC Party MPP Norm Sterling. "They can't be trusted and will say anything to get a vote."

He says they raised taxes after promising not to, and let Ontario Hydro boost its electricity rates by 55 per cent in 3 years.

Sterling, from Lanark-Carleton riding, has been an Eastern Ontario representative at Queen's Park for 29 years. He believes the next Ontario election set for Oct. 4, 2007 is a "real opportunity" for Progressive Conservatives.

He says the election campaign starts January 1, and party supporters "need to put on our thinking caps". Eastern Ontario needs special help and our party needs an Eastern Ontario platform.

"If we set clear goals we have a realistic opportunity to achieve them."

Sterling, a cabinet minister in the governments of Bill Davis and Mike Harris, says we need more than the four current MPPs from this region in order to boost a platform of economic and tourism development.

The MPP spoke of the 1995 campaign which saw the election of the Harris government. He says the campaign promise to complete construction of the four-lane Highway 416 from the 401 to Ottawa was a big help in this region. The Harris government fulfilled this promise and named the route Veterans' Memorial Highway.

He says Party Leader John Tory understands our region, since he represents a rural riding and has visited here four times since taking over.

Sterling's comments came at a June dinner meeting in Morrisburg of our Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry PC riding association. Organized by Eric Duncan and Gerry Boyce of Dundas County, guests included former MPP and cabinet minister Noble Villeneuve and his wife Elaine, and Conservative Member of Parliament Guy Lauzon and his wife Frances.

Along with Sterling, Eastern Ontario Tory MPPs today include Bob Runciman of Leeds-Grenville, Lisa MacLeod of Nepean-Carleton, and John Yakabuski of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

## TORIES TO CELEBRATE ST. ANDREW'S DAY

Conservatives from across Cornwall and the Counties are gathering at the Legion in Cornwall Dec. 1 to honor St. Andrew. The event is a fundraiser for our Provincial riding association, and dinner and entertainment begin at 7 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Blair McCreadie, president of the Ontario PC Party. Bob and Ducky will be performing.

Tickets cost \$35 per person and are available from any member of the executive. You may also call Judy (613-577-TORY) or Gerry (613-360-5578) for ticket information.

The event will be in the spacious Churchill Hall at the Royal Canadian Legion, at the corner of Second St. West and Cumberland St.

## Letter to fellow members

### Dear Fellow Progressive Conservatives,

We are looking at a great opportunity. We know that Ontarians will go to the polls in less than a year. We also know that we can win in Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry. Each of us must remember that elections are worked by volunteers and fueled by money. Help us fill the tank!

For over 20 years the Bluebird sale has been the principle fund raiser for our riding association, the tradition continues in 2006.

The Noble Villeneuve Golf Classic provided the opportunity to kick-off this years campaign, and what a kickoff it was. Golfers bought 30 turkeys. Now we turn to each of you to continue the momentum. Your out of pocket cost is just \$18.75. Please contact me, or any one of our directors.

Thank you for your generosity.  
Sincerely,  
Barry Millett  
Bluebird Chair.  
613-347-2207

**"LES ÉLECTIONS PROVINCIALES EN 2007 S'AVÈRENT  
UNE VRAIE OCCASION POUR LES TORIES",  
déclare Norm Sterling.**

Le gouvernement Libéral McGuinty est "complètement incompétent et désemparé et l'occasion qui se présente est des plus opportunes pour effectuer le changement qui s'impose", affirme Norm Sterling, député provincial Progressiste-Conservateur émérite. "D'aucune façon ne peut-on leur faire confiance. Ils diraient n'importe quoi pour se filouter un vote."

M. Sterling relatait que les Libéraux avaient haussé les taxes après avoir promis de ne pas le faire et ont permis à Hydro One d'augmenter ses taux dans l'ordre de 55 pour cent sur une période de trois ans.

Norm Sterling, député de la circonscription de Lanark-Carleton, est le représentant de l'Est ontarien à Queen's Park depuis déjà 29 ans. Il est de l'avis que la prochaine élection provinciale aura lieu le 4 octobre 2007 et représentera une "occasion des plus favorables" pour les Progressistes-Conservateurs.

Selon M. Sterling, la campagne électorale sera mise en branle dès le 1 janvier prochain et les partisans du Parti "devraient com-

mencer à se préparer en conséquence". L'Est ontarien a besoin d'aide spéciale et notre Parti doit se doter d'un programme qui tient compte des besoins de l'Est de l'Ontario.

"Si nous nous fixons des objectifs clairs, il est tout à fait réaliste d'anticiper que nous meilleurs efforts porteront fruit."

M. Sterling, membre du Cabinet des gouvernements de Bill Davis et de Mike Harris, affirme qu'il est nécessaire d'élire plus de membres que les quatre députés existants de cette région si nous tenons à promouvoir un programme de développement économique et de tourisme.

À titre d'exemple, M. Sterling a cité la campagne électorale de 1995 qui a mené à l'élection du gouvernement Harris. Selon lui, l'engagement pris dans cette campagne de compléter la construction de l'autoroute 416 de l'autoroute 401 jusqu'à Ottawa a énormément aidé la cause dans cette région.

Le gouvernement Harris a respecté sa promesse et a nommé l'autoroute la Route commémorative des Vétérans.

M. Sterling déclarait que John Tory, le chef du Parti, comprend bien la dynamique socio-économique de notre région, étant donné qu'il représente lui-même une circonscription rurale. De plus, il a visité notre région déjà quatre fois depuis son élection à la chefferie du Parti.

M. Sterling partageait ses observations lors d'un diner-causerie qu'avait organisé à Morrisburg l'Association de circonscription Progressiste-Conservateur de Stormont-Dundas-Glengarry Sud. À cette rencontre préparée par Eric Duncan et Gerry Boyce du Comté de Dundas, on avait invité l'ancien député et membre du cabinet, Noble Villeneuve, accompagné de son épouse Elaine ainsi que le député Progressiste-conservateur du Parlement, Guy Lauzon et son épouse Frances.

Se joignent à M. Sterling les députés provinciaux Progressistes-Conservateurs de l'Est ontarien Bob Runciman, de Leeds-Grenville, Lisa MacLeod, de Nepean-Carleton et John Yakabuski, de Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

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# SUR UN TERRAIN D'ENTENTE

L E B U L L E T I N

## CHRIS SAVARD LE CANDIDAT CONSERVATEUR!



Le 26 octobre 2006, Chris Savard est devenu candidat du Parti conservateur de l'Ontario pour l'élection provinciale 2007.

Son intégrité, son expérience dans le monde des affaires et son dévouement pour la communauté et dans les services publics sont évidents et ont été reconnus par les membres du Parti conservateur à l'assemblée de mise en candidature où il a été élu par acclamation.

Depuis son élection au conseil municipal de Cornwall en 1994 à l'âge de 26 ans, Chris a fait preuve d'un grand leadership

dans un bon nombre de questions concernant la responsabilité des représentants élus, les responsabilités fiscales et les priorités budgétaires, dans les projets de tourisme et d'infrastructures communautaires. Il a participé et s'est fait élire trois fois au conseil municipal depuis 1994 et il est reconnu comme un ardent défenseur possédant une passion pour faire bouger les choses.

Un travailleur communautaire infatigable, Savard a lancé et endossé plusieurs événements et organismes de service au fil des ans. Il est président et fondateur du Kinsmen Cornwall Lift-Off, le festival régional annuel de montgolfières. Chris est membre du Club Kinsmen de Cornwall, vice-président de Team Cornwall et il a participé et présidé une douzaine de comités municipaux incluant le comité de développement riverain de Cornwall, duquel il est actuellement président.

Très actif au sein de l'association locale de circonscription du Parti conservateur depuis plusieurs années, Savard a occupé des postes de directeur et de vice-

président du conseil d'administration et il a travaillé à l'organisation de plusieurs événements et projets. Il est président de la classique annuelle de golf Noble Villeneuve.

Diplômé de l'université d'Ottawa et actuellement directeur général de Cornwall Square, Savard est né et il a vécu à Cornwall où il continue de résider avec son épouse Shawna et leurs trois enfants Taylor, Cameron et Cassidy.

Aujourd'hui il est étudiant à temps partiel au Collège Saint-Laurent.

"Je me suis récemment inscrit dans un cours de Français ... je comprends actuellement le Français beaucoup mieux que je le parle, mais je travaille fort afin de perfectionner mes efforts," selon lui.

"Je vous demande de la patience, car je sais que je ferai plusieurs erreurs; mais il m'est important de vous adresser dans la langue de votre choix".