

# CPF Nova Scotia

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH — NOVA SCOTIA

Promoting opportunities for young Canadians to learn and use French

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NEWS

## Stephanie Carver Nova Scotia's New President

Stephanie Carver is the Head of Marketing for a toy company in Halifax. Originally from Ontario, Stephanie grew up in a richly bilingual community. French culture has always opened doors and offered exciting opportunities. She is excited to share her love of French culture and language with students in Nova Scotia. Stephanie has served on the board for the past three years. She has also volunteered for many years with the Girl Guides.

Tony Orlando was elected as the new Vice President. His entire professional career has been devoted to French Second Language education. He retired as a FSL consultant for the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board in 2006. Tony has represented Nova Scotia on the National Council of the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT). He served on the executive of the Nova Scotia Language Teachers Association (NSLTA), serving as president for two of those five years.



Welcome Stephanie and Tony!!

## National Conference and AGM Ottawa 2015

experience feeling inspired and recharged. Here is the Nova Scotian delegation at the banquet on Saturday, including two past Nova Scotia Presidents, David Brennick and Trudy Comeau!



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SKATING PARTY  
À UNE FÊTE DE PATINAGE



Canadian Parents for French – Nova Scotia and Alliance Française Halifax invite you!

Where: Halifax Forum, 2901 Windsor St., Halifax

When : Saturday, December 20, 2014/Samedi, le 20 décembre, 2014 15H00 à 17H00 (3 :00pm – 5 :00pm)

Bring your skates and join us for an afternoon of fun! We even have some Holiday music provided by Radio Halifax Metro for you to enjoy. Enter your name to win two tickets to Neptune Theatre or a \$50 Cineplex gift card!

This event is open to invited guests and members of Canadian Parents for French and Alliance Française (including spouses and children of members). All children 12 and under must wear a protective helmet while skating.

Nova Scotia delegates, board members and staff joined CPF members from across the province for the 2014 Conference and AGM in Ottawa on October 16-19. Along with workshops, meetings and by laws, delegates also enjoyed networking, Murder Mystery theatre and Casino night. Everyone came away from the weekend

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## Gregg LeRock! Performs in Halifax

You don't usually expect a French event to be pulsating to guitar riffs and screaming fans, but that is exactly what happening on November 25. Gregg LeRock, French educator and musician, brought his unique act to the Rebecca Cohen Centre in Halifax. Gregg's high-energy concert featured pop, reggae, hip-hop, folk, blues and Cajun styles and managed to get every kid rocking and singing - all in French! "My philosophy is that the best way to teach kids is to teach them without them knowing they're being taught and to make French 'cool'. And being able to do this while playing guitar behind your head always helps!" Gregg played two concerts that day, one for Core French students and the other for French Immersion.



**CPF Nova Scotia** provided \$200 cultural bursaries to eight out of the eleven schools who attended. The schools who received bursaries were CPF AMO members. CPF Halifax

Peninsula and Mainland South Chapter President, Joan Dobbie, visited schools in the early fall to promote the concert and sign up schools for AMO memberships.

*Thanks once again to Gregg for an awesome concert! And to Joan Dobbie, for volunteering her time to publicize this unique opportunity for students!*

## Volunteers of the Year goes to Dedicated Supporters of Concours d'art oratoire



This year's Canadian Parents for French - Nova Scotia Volunteer of the Year Awards were awarded to Isabelle Pédot, Alliance Française and Paul Hollett, Kings-Edgehill School.

Both volunteers were recognized and celebrated for their continued support of the Concours d'art oratoire. Mme Pédot is the Directrice générale of Alliance Française. For many years, Isabelle has attended the Concours, judged and organized many volunteers from Alliance Française to participate at this event. Mr Hollet is a junior high school teacher at King's-Edgehill in Windsor. Paul has participated as a judge and has also recruited other teachers and parents to volunteer as well. Both recipients are valuable supporters

of CPF Nova Scotia and have contributed greatly to the organization.

*Félicitations to Isabelle and Paul!*

## 2014 Teacher of the Year



Martha Kenny is Head of the Language Dept. at Cobequid Education Centre. She is an exceptional motivator with a strong philosophy of multiculturalism.

*"As a second language teacher, I believe it is important to help students*

*become prepared to live in our global society. I strive to help them understand how wonderful it is to be not only bilingual but also bicultural,"* said Mme Kenny, *"Through a variety of different teaching styles with a strong support of methodology and technology I encourage students to be receptive to other languages and cultures."*

At CEC, Mme Kenny's ultimate goal is to have students value their own experiences and to think critically. She teaches by valuing each student's learning style and interests to encourage them to take command of their second language learning.

*Félicitations to Mme Kenny!*

## Parent Information Sessions

### *I don't speak French! Should I put my child in French Immersion? Parent Information Sessions*

Canadian Parents for French – Nova Scotia is hosting two information sessions on French immersion for parents considering early or late immersion options for their child. There will be one session at the Alderney Gate Library (February 10, 2015) and the other at the Canada Games Centre (February 17, 2015). Our panel of experts will include immersion students, immersion parents, retired French Second Language Consultants and CPF Nova Scotia staff. The panel will be there to address any questions or concerns that parents have about French immersion, literacy and math skills in French and English literacy.

For registration and more information, visit our website, [ns.cpf.ca](http://ns.cpf.ca).

## BRANCH CALENDAR

*All events are posted on our Events Calendar at [ns.cpf.ca](http://ns.cpf.ca)!*

**December 11-12:** French movies

**December 20:** CPF Nova Scotia Skating Party, Halifax Forum

**December 22 - January 2, 2015:** CPF Nova Scotia office closed

**February 10 and 17 2015:** I don't speak French! Should I put my child in French Immersion?, Parent information sessions

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