

# January 2016 Newsletter



## President's Report for January 2016

This report starts another year for the Orangeville Agricultural Society. Last year was a year of restraint and cost cutting. We worked very frugally and put effort into our partnership and sponsoring program. Our Fair committee and the membership were able to present a fair that made money also. This coming year we need you to help find sponsors and partners.

Jo and I spend time trying to keep our members well informed through this monthly newsletter. A cost saving is that we try to send out as many copies as possible electronically. If you have decided to receive the newsletter by email. Please let the office know.

Please be advised that the office will be **closed** from Dec.18 to Jan 4<sup>th</sup>. I will be monitoring the voice mail and Kate will be dropping in to the Centre for a physical check. Remember to mark your calendar for the **Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**. The social starts at **10:30**, followed by the Annual Meeting starting at **11:00**. I am happy to report that for the first time in several years we will be able to present the 2015 annual financial report. The new accountant attended the office on Dec.8<sup>th</sup> and was able to finish the report to meet this date. **A heartfelt thank you to Kate and Kim who had all our financials in order for a speedy report.**

Jo or I must know if you are attending the catered meal by **Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>**. Call the office-519-942-9597 or my home 519-942-0917, or email us at [admin@orangevillefairgrounds.ca](mailto:admin@orangevillefairgrounds.ca). Anyone who is not a guest pays **\$20.00 for the meal**. If you do not wish to pay for the meal you are expected to bring an **auction item** worth \$20.00 to off-set costs of the meal. Last year we were able to totally offset the cost of the meal through the Silent Auction. Those auction items are to arrive by 2:00 on Friday, Jan 22 for set up.

If you know of anyone who has shown an interest in becoming a member of the Society please bring them along to the Annual Meeting.

Your membership fee of **\$20.00** is due if you wish to vote at the Annual Meeting. There is a family rate of \$50.00. **Life members do not pay the annual membership fee.**

There will be voting for **new Board Directors**. Any one who is interested in being a new Board Director should contact me before the meeting. There can also be nominations from the floor.

There will be sign up for the various committees that help to keep our OAS functioning. There will be a Committee for **FAIR**, one for **FACILITY OPERATIONS** and one for **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**. Consider volunteering for one of the committees by signing up for an area of interest. We also hope to have our partnership books available for members to take and help find sponsors.

The Home craft meeting will be Tuesday evening, Jan.12 at 7:00 to plan the AGM decorations. A special thank you to all Home Craft convenors who have sent me the revised lists for exhibits in the 2016 Prize Book. I am still waiting for some class revisions.

On **Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1-2:00** we are decorating the Oak Room for the AGM.

I hope to see you at our AGM. Let's work together to keep the upward trend of success for the OAS. As this will reach you before the New Year rings in I wish you a happy 2016.

OAS President  
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## Fair Coordinator's Report

As we all prepare for the frosty weather to come, there are many spectacular holiday events in the area to visit. If you have not already had the chance, please see our lovely display at "Christmas in the Park" in Kaycee Gardens. This is an annual display hosted by the Optimist Club of Orangeville, who works hard every year to put together this 'Winter Wonderland'. While there may not be much snow on the ground, the warm weather makes for a comfortable stroll through the park, while you are surrounded by a sea of colourful lights. Both family, and date friendly, this is an annual experience no one from the area should miss.

Here at the Orangeville Agricultural Society fairgrounds, we are also getting in the spirit and have a display of our own turned on, and spreading the cheer. As you drive by the fairgrounds at night, you can notice the Christmas lights we have proudly displayed, lighting up the trees.

I am looking forward to seeing what the new year will bring for the society. There are many exciting events planned for the fairgrounds, and meetings for the 2016 fair are already underway. Entertainers are being booked, and plans are being made. With last year's fair being such a success, I can only imagine what our fabulous team will be able to put together this year.

I would like to extend warm wishes for the holidays and a happy new year to all of our members and their entire families. May the new year bring great excitement and opportunity.

Happy Holidays!

Jo Trimble  
*Office Administrator & Fair Coordinator*  
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## Volunteers Needed

Ongoing requirement for table inspections and banquet chairs

**Monday January 4th**—Clean up of Oak Room and Exhibition Halls after NYE parties, put tables and chairs away

**Sunday January 10th** (afternoon) - set up for Grain Growers

**Tuesday January 12th** (morning) - Probus set up

**Friday January 15th** (morning) - clean up from Probus

**Monday January 18th** (morning) - DPQG set up

**Thursday January 21st** (morning) - Rat Pack set up (packing ring)

**Thursday February 4th** (morning) - Gun Show set up

*We also wish to request any donations of clothes hangers for our coat racks.*