

# March 2016 Newsletter



## President's Report for March 2016

On January 23, we had a most successful Annual Meeting. A special **thank you** goes to all who worked on the preparation for this meeting. Jo's report will tell you the highlights, if you missed the meeting. Welcome to our new and continuing Board of Directors. Congratulations to Lucas and Gail Grit who received the **OAAS Service Diploma** and stoned lapel pins for dedication and service to the Society and the Fair over the years.

If you have not paid your OAS membership fee this may be the **last** communication you receive from the OAS Office.

Please try to receive a newsletter without costing the OAS postage. Let Jo know at [admin@orangevillefairgrounds.ca](mailto:admin@orangevillefairgrounds.ca) and she can continue to keep you informed by email newsletter.

The OAS sent a donation to the Alzheimer Society in memory of Fern and Wally Pugh's mother, Jean Hale.

Again this year we are working with the committee system. Sign up for **Fair, Facility and Community Relations**. If you wish to volunteer and have interesting ideas or input into those very important operations of the OAS, please contact the office. We will post the dates when these committees meet in the newsletters.

Emily Manzerolle, our Senior Ambassador and Jo Trimble, our Fair Coordinator attended the **OAAS Convention** in Toronto, Feb.18,19,20. They have some amazing ideas for the Fair, the Ambassador program and fund raising. Emily participated in the Ambassador Program presentations and met many of the other Ambassadors and started friendships with those young people who will all be attending the CNE in August vying for the title of Provincial Ambassador of the Fairs.

We are also in the planning stages of the **Agricultural Education days for the grade threes on April 12 and 13**. This is an opportunity to see the lessons that we successfully deliver about agriculture. We are looking for volunteers, male and female, to help with set up on April 11 as well as during the two day event. If you want to be involved in the planning contact John Rayburn

Now is the time to start thinking about **exhibiting** at the **2016 Fair**. The Prize Book will be available soon. We will continue with the practice of all exhibitors (including members) paying the \$5.00 registration fee. No exhibitor passes will be given out. Both these ideas are cost cutting measures.

Our next Home Craft Meeting will be **Wednesday, April 6th, 7:00**. At that meeting we will be putting in place a work schedule and menu for the Ag-Education Awareness Days on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Let Jo know if you would like an *electronic newsletter* to save the OAS some of the postal costs.**

You have likely heard that I have a broken arm, hand, etc. The doctors are calling it a "broken hand" I am saying a broken bone in my right hand. Some think this might slow me down. In reality, I have trouble writing and typing but that is about all.

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**Dates to Remember**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
All Members Welcome  
**First Monday of the month**  
**Exception-holiday Mondays**

➔ **Board Meeting**  
MON March 7, 7:00pm  
**Fair Committee Meeting**  
Mon March 24, 7:00pm  
**Home Craft Meeting**  
Wed April 6, 7:00pm

**All members are invited to attend and to submit items for the agenda by contacting a director.**



### Upcoming Events:

February 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> – Rollergirls Practice  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> – First Student First Aid Course  
February 27<sup>th</sup> – Idlewild South Blues Band  
February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> – Army Cadets CCO Marksmanship  
February 29<sup>th</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Rollergirls Practice  
March 1<sup>st</sup> – Credit Valley Conservation Meeting  
March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> – Army Cadets CCO Marksmanship  
March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> – Ross Millar Group Bucking School

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## Fair Coordinator's Report

The new year has started off with a bang so far, as plans are quickly getting underway for 2016 events. There has already been discussions regarding events, fundraisers and of course, the 2016 Orangeville Fair on Labour Day Weekend. We are always looking for anyone who may be interested in adding their ideas to the conversations. If you think you may be interested in sitting on a committee for the fair, facility, community relations, Ag. Education, partnership or even if you are just interested in finding out how you can help, I invite you to contact me at the information found to the left of this page.

In January we were pleased to host the Orangeville Agricultural Society's Annual General Meeting. This meeting was attended by both familiar faces from members and local associations, as well as some new attendees. I would like to thank all who joined us, and am looking forward to working with you throughout the upcoming year.

Highlights from the meeting included greetings from our Ambassadors, Tim Manzerolle— Jr. Ambassador, and Emily Manzerolle—Sr. Ambassador (via letter, as read by Tim Manzerolle). We also had Gerry Bowler of Bowler & Company present as our accountant, to support the financial statement. He was once again appointed to return as the accountant for 2016. The OAS invited Wayne Kalinski from the Orangeville Police Services to speak, who provided information on the local police service, and their direction for the upcoming year.

Highlighted in many reports, was the proud announcement that the fair this past year was a profitable one. We hope that we can work together again this year, and with a little help from Mother Nature, put together another fabulous weekend in 2016. The theme for the upcoming fair will be fields of Sunflowers.

We are pleased to announce the winners of the partnership draw as Holmes Agro, and Don Black Electric. We would like to thank all our partners for their continued support throughout the year. Each year the Orangeville Agricultural Society also presents a member that has shown value to the association through their dedication with an award. This year, we wanted to thank Lucas & Gail Grit for his help by presenting him this award.

Standing on the board this year will be Lavern Trimble, Linda Reed, and Jen Arnold, along with continuing board members Gord Archer, Lucas Grit, Harold Speers, Kenn Manzerolle, Gord Gallagher (Vice President), and Donna Henderson (President).

The day was filled with gratitude to all the members and volunteers who have put in their time and effort to make the past year run smoothly. The OAS could not run without your commitment, and for this we extend a sincere thank you to all who continue to help.



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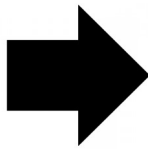
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March 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> – Rollergirls Practice  
March 10<sup>th</sup> – Probus  
March 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> – Scarborough Kennel Club  
March 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> – Dufferin County Fire-arms Course  
March 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> - Rollergirls Practice  
March 18<sup>th</sup> – Party Rockers  
March 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> – Ontario Belgian Horse Association Pull and Auction  
March 20<sup>th</sup> – Gun Show  
March 21<sup>st</sup> – Dufferin Piecemakers Quilt Guild  
March 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> – Rollergirls Practice  
March 25<sup>th</sup> – Idlewild South Blues Band  
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