

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF YORK WEST ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE (YWALC) PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING SLATE OF CANDIDATES TO BE BOARD DIRECTORS FOR THE YEARS 2013-2015**

It is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to put forward a slate of candidates for election to the Board by YWALC voting members that ensures the composition of the Board fosters decision making that is in the best interests of YWALC as a whole and to ensure that the Board has the skills required to fulfill its duties.

**TROY BOLTON** is currently Manager of Operations & Special Projects with ISTCL (Iserve Technology Consulting Limited) with over 20 years of experience most recently in the non-profit/charitable sector. He has developed professional relationships with members of the corporate community, government and social service sectors. In addition to his professional career Troy is also committed to the community, including his role as President of the Delta Bingo Sponsors Association and President and Chair of the Social Service Worker Program at Centennial College. Troy has served as Chair of the Centre's Fundraising Committee and Vice President of the Board.

**JOAN BONK-MACKENZIE** is a retired teacher with 25+ years of experience with the Toronto Catholic School Board. She still does occasional teaching at the elementary and secondary school level. She has served one term as a School Board Trustee. Joan has volunteered as President of the Board and member of the Program Committee at the Centre.

**JOANNE BUNTON** has been a Licensed Funeral Director for the last 20 years and is presently working for Ward Funeral Homes. Before enrolling in the Humber College Funeral Service Program Joanne had a 10 year career with the Ministry of Correctional Services in a Halfway House supervising male adult offenders. Prior to that work experience, she served 3 years working at The Salvation Army Chikankata Hospital in Zambia, Africa, preceded by 4 years of employment as the Registered Health Records Administrator at the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital. Joanne was a 15 year member, and later President, of the Board of Directors for Perinatal Bereavement Services Ontario-a charity that provides individual and group support to parents who experience the loss of an infant early in pregnancy or at the time of birth of their child. In her spare time, Joanne enjoys playing the piano, traveling and most of all, playing golf.

**WADE MORRIS** is a practising lawyer in Toronto. After starting his legal career with a small Toronto firm, Wade opened a sole practice focusing on dispute resolution. Before entering the legal profession, Wade worked in the high-technology industry in Ottawa. He is a graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School and Dalhousie University.

**VERA NAZARETH** is a graduate of St. Xavier's College, University of Bombay, India with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Psychology; and a retired Executive Secretary and Business Analyst from IBM Canada Ltd. She currently spends her retired days volunteering at YWALC, enjoying her four grandchildren, experimenting in the kitchen to feed her culinary passion, playing the piano and travelling. During her 30+ years at IBM she was exposed to a variety of business areas - Finance, Real Estate, Human Resources, Legal, Corporate Affairs - to name a few; and has developed strong administrative, communication, interpersonal and customer service skills.

**MIRELLA SPANO** is a Senior Tax Manager with KPMG LLP and has 10 years of experience with a broad range of income tax compliance and accounting matters. She has a B. Commerce, is a Chartered Accountant and has accomplished CICA in-depth Tax Course Part I, II and III as well as CICA Corporate Reorganization. Mirella is the People Leader for her tax practice. In this role she provides career guidance to her peers. When she's away from the office, Mirella enjoys being with her 3 year old son. Mirella contacted YWALC looking for an opportunity to give back to the community.

**VASSILI I. SPYROPOULOS** is a practising lawyer here in Weston/Toronto focussing on the areas of Real Estate and Wills & Estates. Vassili grew up in Weston and attended Weston Memorial Jr. P.S., C.R Marchant Sr. P.S., and Weston Collegiate Institute before completing a Bachelor of Arts at York University, a Master's Degree in Social Psychology at Wilfrid Laurier university and a LL.B at Osgoode Hall Law School. Vassili enjoys playing and watching hockey and has been a volunteer hockey coach for several years.

**PENNY VAN ESTERIK** is Professor of Anthropology at York University. She has written a number of books and done research on refugee issues and food security. A proud Weston resident she has enjoyed a variety of classes at the Centre. Penny has served as Board Director and a member of our Program Committee.

**JOHN VAN ESTERIK** is a retired Emeritus Professor of Anthropology, York University. He taught at York University from 1985 to 2008. He has also managed a CIDA funded linkage between York University and universities in Thailand from 1986 to 1993. Other varied experiences included working for H&R Block in 1985 and managing a program for refugees in Tompkins County, New York State from 1981 to 1984. John was also the treasurer of a community group – The Weston Silver Band – for nine years from 1989 to 1997. He still plays in the Silver Band and has volunteered in various capacities with the Centre, including Board Director.

**MICHAEL B. VANDENBOGAERDE** is retired after 25+ years at Humber Regional Hospital where he was a staff nurse, team leader, CPR instructor, Crisis Prevention Institute Instructor, Health and Safety Committee member, Local Union President and Team Negotiator for the nurses for several contracts and Scheduling Committee. He has also been volunteering for 20 years and has three children and one grandchild. Mike has lived for more than 25 years in the Weston area and considers it his home town. He volunteers in various capacities with the Centre, including Board Director and Human Resources Committee member.

**IRENE VERNER** has an undergraduate degree in Office and Administrative Studies and a Certificate in Psychology of Human Relations from the Ryerson University Continuing Education Division. She retired after 30+ years at the TTC, the last ten years as Coordinator of Corporate Policies and Agreements. Irene volunteers in various capacities with the Centre, including Board Director, Fundraising, Governance and Policy Committees.

**NOTE:** SIMONE MARION is our Past President and therefore will not be elected at our Annual General Meeting. Simone has been volunteering at our Centre in so many capacities, for so many years, that we can't mention them all in the space allowed.

**If there is anyone that the Nominating Committee has missed that wishes to run for the position of Board Director, please contact Suzanne Teixeira in the office.**

**All candidates will be presented at the Annual General Meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 2 p.m.**

*Simone Marion and Irene Verner*

Nominating Committee