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## Summer Fun in the Sun Tuesdays on the Trail

On Tuesdays throughout July and August, OPG plays host to a variety of outdoor education programs on the Waterfront Trail at Pickering and Darlington Nuclear.

The youthful enthusiasm of hundreds has once again made this program a success. With the support of organizations like the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority and the Bowmanville Horticultural Society, kids learn about nature from the experts. Favourite activities have included animal crafts, bug discovery, kite construction and a safari scavenger hunt.

*Movie Under the Stars* is the final session scheduled for August 24 at Darlington and August 31 at Pickering.

## Young anglers learn to "Stay Clear and Stay Safe"



This summer OPG is teaching children and families about fishing, conservation and water safety through its partnership with TackleShare, a program of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

"TackleShare is a great program to get parents and kids outdoors to fish – safely – in Ontario's great lakes and streams," says **John Murphy**, OPG's Executive Vice President for Hydro. Murphy noted that sponsoring the TackleShare program is a natural extension of OPG's "Stay Clear, Stay Safe" campaign, which aims to keep Ontarians safe around dams, hydroelectric stations and surrounding waterways.

The program kicked off on July 11 with TackleShare Day at Toronto Island. Families borrowed rods, reels and basic gear to fish from the shoreline and learn about fish identification, invasive species and water safety. Pictured is **Tony Bennett**, Director of Dam Safety, who was on hand to help educate young anglers on the importance of water safety.

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## Winning Expressions OPG Family Day Photo Contest

Congratulations to **Barb Parks**, Risk Services Analyst, Corporate Risk Management, winner of this year's OPG Family Day Photo Competition. Barb's submission captured 43 per cent of the 1,366 employee votes and shows a fun (or terrifying?) ride at Canada's Wonderland. Check out page 2 for an article on *Family Day Traditions*.

ZERO INJURIES

**Q2 Safety Honour Roll**

In striving towards safety excellence, it is important to recognize groups that are achieving important milestones. This list reflects the latest achievements of 2010.

These milestones are not prescriptive but rather, each business unit has defined what they consider to be a significant achievement. If you feel your plant, plant group or crew should be recognized, please send your recommendation to **Mary Lou Sinclair**, Director of Corporate Safety.

Years/hours without a lost time injury:

**February 2010**

- Real Estate & Services, Business Services: 7 years

**April 2010**

- Thermal Business: 1 year
- Nanticoke GS: 1 year
- Lambton GS: 1 year
- Nuclear Waste Management Division: 500,000 hours

**June 2010**

- OPG honoured with the IHSA ZeroQuest Platinum Award for Safety
- Thunder Bay Administration, Northwest Plant Group: 14 years

- Real Estate & Services, Facilities & Projects: 8 years
- Pickering A: 1 million hours
- Pickering B: 2 million hours
- Darlington GS: 7 million hours
- Nuclear Programs and Training: 1.5 million hours

All of us, working together, will help OPG get closer to the target of zero injuries, one hour at a time.

*On June 29, 2010, Lambton GS Plant Manager Phil Stevens recognized staff for working one year and 800,000 hours without a lost time injury.*



QUARTER CENTURY CLUB

**Annual Dinner**

**2010 Quarter Century Club Dinner**

The annual Quarter Century Club (QCC) dinner will be held on Friday, October 22 at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel in Toronto.

All employees celebrating 25 year milestones in 2010 have been invited to attend, as well as existing QCC employee and pensioner members. The RSVP deadline is September 10.

If you have not received your invitation, please e-mail the QCC at [quartercenturyclub@opg.com](mailto:quartercenturyclub@opg.com) or call the QCC message centre at (416) 592-2722.

The QCC dinner is a long standing tradition at OPG. Plan to attend for a fun-filled evening with co-workers and friends.

CELEBRATIONS

**Hydrokids-OPG**

**25th Anniversary Family Reunion**

Hydrokids-OPG Day Care will celebrate its 25th Anniversary with a reunion and open house for all current and former "Hydrokids" and their families on Saturday, September 18 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 700 University Avenue. Come and connect with old classmates, co-workers and teachers and share memories of Hydrokids' contributions to the lives of hundreds of children, their families, OPG/Ontario Hydro and the City of Toronto. Join our Hydrokids OPG Day Care Facebook page. For more information, contact Gail Tummon at (416) 592-5437 or [hydrokids@opg.com](mailto:hydrokids@opg.com).



HEALTH & WELLNESS

**Annual Fun Run**



The annual Hydro Fun Run and Walk is fast approaching. All employees and pensioners of the participating companies, and their families, are welcome. Join the 10 km or 5 km run, or a 5 km walk. Children and their families may also walk, run, bike or rollerblade a 2 km distance.

**Event Details**

- Date:** Saturday, September 18 (rain or shine)
- Time:** 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Location:** Sunnybrook Park, Toronto
- Extras:** New for 2010 – electronic chip timing!  
A lunch and awards ceremony at the Sports Pavilion.
- Contact:** Race Director Glenn Rossitter at [glenn.rossitter@amec.com](mailto:glenn.rossitter@amec.com) for information regarding participant eligibility and registration.

The event is hosted by the Hydro Road Runners in conjunction with the OPG Employee Wellness Division and supported by participating organizations including Hydro One, Meridian Credit Union, Capgemini, AMEC NSS and Kinectrics.

EMPLOYEE EVENTS

**OPG Family Day**

**Family Day Traditions**

Here are some of the traditions you shared relating to OPG's Family Day at Canada's Wonderland:

**Robert Lindsey**, Civil Maintainer, Pickering A

"About five years ago my wife and I decided to volunteer at OPG Family Day. My son enjoyed it so much, he now asks me again and again: 'Dad, are we volunteering again this year?' I'm very proud to support this event every chance I get."

**Andrea Sears**, Senior Training Officer, Thermal

"This was my first chance to enjoy OPG Family Day and it turned out to be the perfect opportunity to bring family together from across the province for fun and food."

**Gordon Jeung**, Senior Thermal Station Engineer, Nanticoke  
"Wonderland has a set of rope ladders and if you climb to the top successfully, you win a humongous stuffed animal. My daughters have made this attempt with me each year since 2006."

If you have any feedback about this year's event, please e-mail [kathy.aleluia@opg.com](mailto:kathy.aleluia@opg.com).



# No bunk! An eco-friendly bunkhouse...

OPG's Hydroelectric Development group recently mentored students from the Queen's University TEAM Program (Technology, Engineering and Management) to design a sustainable work centre for the Little Jackfish Hydroelectric Project, a proposed 100 MW two-site facility in Northwestern Ontario.



Showing off their design (left to right): OPG's Shawn Bremner and Heather Brown; Queen's TEAM students Meital Bar-Dayyan, Xiao (Trevor) Lin, Matthew Perry and David Hyslop (in back).



An artistic rendition of the Little Jackfish eco-bunkhouse

TEAM students assessed the feasibility of constructing a work centre that balances economic, environmental and Aboriginal cultural design factors. These considerations support OPG's commitment to reduce its carbon footprint and make future corporate facilities more environmentally friendly. Aboriginal cultural considerations seek to better integrate the proposed work centre in the traditional territory of the Lake Nipigon First Nation.

The final design, based on a log-style Ojibway roundhouse, is shaped like a turtle, which holds a significant place in Ojibway legend. The building

includes an information centre, meeting space and overnight facilities for OPG employees that must stay on site for work.

The TEAM group examined the benefits of incorporating green, eco-friendly design features to achieve LEED Silver Certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

Features include solar water heating, ground-source heat pumps and light tubes to utilize sunlight. The design developed by TEAM gives OPG a sustainable and locally relevant option that can now be considered for the final work centre design.

## Keeping our community leaders informed

Sarnia-Lambton MP Patricia Davidson (right) and MPP Bob Bailey (centre) toured the Lambton GS turbine hall with OPG's Steve Repergel (left) on June 11. Government guests received an update on the planned outage for Unit 4 and the evolving role that the station will play with the biomass and natural gas repowering program.

Lambton employees have been working hard to overhaul the main turbine, which was modified in the early 1990s to improve efficiency. While Unit 4 has operated extensively since that time, the upcoming maintenance will ensure continued service that is safe and reliable.



## Nuclear Employee Receives McMASTER LEADERSHIP AWARD



**Nuclear power is an innovative and dynamic industry that never stands still. Paul Spekkens, Vice President of Science and Technology Development here at OPG, has been part of its movement for three decades.**

On May 13, McMaster University awarded Paul the 2010 McMaster University Faculty of Engineering Leadership Award.

Paul graduated from McMaster with a Ph.D. in Chemistry in 1977 and with more than 30 years of experience, he has made great strides for the nuclear industry.

Paul has been at the forefront of the nuclear renaissance in Canada, identifying a need for future qualified graduates in nuclear engineering and technology. He has also been instrumental in the development of

the University Network of Excellence in Nuclear Engineering. "We were so pleased to give this award to Dr. Spekkens, everyone is so fond of him here," said Terri Milson, Faculty of Engineering at McMaster University.

In his day job at OPG, Paul is responsible for managing investment in nuclear research and technology development. He is also responsible for the Feeder Integrity Program, with a goal to minimize the impact of feeder degradation on the safe and reliable operation of OPG's CANDU nuclear units.

With his wife Fran in the front row, Paul happily accepted the award and made it clear why he supports McMaster's programs. "That's what universities do," he said. "They produce people who will be the leaders in industry when those of us who are here now have gone."

## OPG's Health and Safety Video Library Has Moved!

On July 1, 2010, OPG's health and safety videos were relocated from Whitby to the Head Office Library on the 17th Floor.

The video library is a company-wide service and a valued resource for safety meetings and personal viewing. To search and request videos from this collection, please visit the OPG library website (see "Library Services"), e-mail the library at [library@opg.com](mailto:library@opg.com) or call directly by dialing (416) 592-2715.

## "What Was Said"

*"The success of a project of this magnitude and complexity is most certainly attributable to excellent planning, supervision and co-ordination. Most importantly, I understand that the on-the-job performance was better than target for both conventional and radiological safety."*

**BRAD DUGUID, Ontario Minister of Energy and Infrastructure commenting on the Pickering Vacuum Building Outage in a letter to Tom Mitchell, OPG President and CEO, May 31, 2010**



## Every Journey Starts with One Step

"Regardless of what business we are in, we all have the same goal – to come home to our families at the end of the day. Nobody should sacrifice their life to do a job. All accidents are preventable."

**Tanya Hickey** is passionate about ensuring a safe work environment. A section manager with OPG's Ottawa/St. Lawrence plant group (OSPG), she oversees work in the Asset Management & Technical Services Group. Through her volunteer work with Workplace Safety and Prevention Services, she discovered *Threads of Life*, a not-for-profit organization that supports families who have suffered a workplace fatality, life-altering illness or occupational disease.

Tanya and a small group of OSPG colleagues participated in *Steps for Life*, a 5 km walk that raises funds for *Threads of Life* to benefit victims of workplace tragedies. The OPG-sponsored walk in Ottawa this past May raised over \$13,500; province-wide the walks have raised over \$260,700.

"Given the significance of OPG's Day of Mourning, I feel morally obligated to do my part in raising funds and generating awareness to help the families of these victims."



The OSPG Steps for Life team walks the talk in Ottawa (left to right): OPG's Lorraine Farnsworth and sister Mary Lynn Pascoe; Rob Dwyer and OPG's Natasha Tuff; Joel and Tanya Hickey with their children; and OPG's John Sanna, wife Anna and son. Missing from photo is OPG's Helen Blair.

Says Tanya, "*Steps for Life* is not limited to Ottawa. The walks happen in Niagara Falls, Toronto, Thunder Bay, Timmins, Sudbury, Windsor, Sarnia and North Bay. I'd like to challenge employees in these cities to get involved in 2011." For more information, visit [www.threadsolife.ca](http://www.threadsolife.ca) and [www.stepsforlife.ca](http://www.stepsforlife.ca).

## OPG helps to "Bring Back the Wild"

This summer, *OPG Biodiversity* joined Earth Rangers for a unique initiative to support our feathered and four-legged friends. Earth Rangers is Canada's largest non-profit organization focused on communicating a positive message to children about the importance of protecting biodiversity.

Throughout July, OPG was the proud sponsor of Earth Rangers "Bring Back the Wild" shows at Ontario Place. Each show takes guests on a trip around the world to meet and celebrate some of the planet's most amazing creatures. From species in Africa and Europe, to those found in our own backyard,



the creatures told an important story about the diversity of life on earth and how humans are impacting their natural ability to survive in the wild.

As part of *OPG Biodiversity*, this exciting partnership is just one more way we're demonstrating our commitment to help conserve, sustain and protect nature.

## IN MEMORIAM

**ALLAN, THOMAS R.**, 89, on June 18, 2010, retired Sept. 1, 1980; Technician, Kipling Complex

**BAGGS, WILLIAM G.**, 87, on June 26, 2010, retired Sept. 1, 1983; Civil Engineer - Nuclear, Darlington Nuclear

**BROUCKXON, RICHARD FRANK**, 88, on July 25, 2010, retired Jan. 1, 1981; Steel and Hardware Mechanical Shop Crew Foreman, Kipling Complex

**CHRETIEN, JILLES G.**, 80, on July 19, 2010, retired Mar. 1, 1993; District Trade Supervisor, Chenaux GS

**COLDITZ, GERHAND O.**, 84, on June 24, 2010, retired Aug. 1, 1983; Technologist - Control, Lennox GS

**COX, MELVILLE**, 82, on July 12, 2010, retired Dec. 1, 1992; Fuel, Ash and Site Supervisor, Lakeview GS

**DANFORD, LORNE E.**, 66, on July 21, 2010, retired June 1, 2001; Mechanical Maintainer Journeyperson, Bruce Nuclear

**DEEMER, JOHN**, 81, on July 22, 2010, retired Sept. 1, 1987; Turbine Boiler Operator, Lakeview Powerhouse

**FULTON, GORDON M.**, 83, on July 7, 2010, retired Aug. 1, 1986; Services Clerk, Head Office

**HARDIE, ARTHUR**, 84, on June 26, 2010, retired July 1, 1981; Technical and Administrative Assistant, 60 Murray Street

**HENRY, JIM**, 78, on July 25, 2010, retired Apr. 1, 1991; Trades Supervisor - Planning, Bruce Nuclear

**LAYMAN, GARY**, 51, on June 4, 2010; Mechanical Technician/Technologist, Chenaux GS

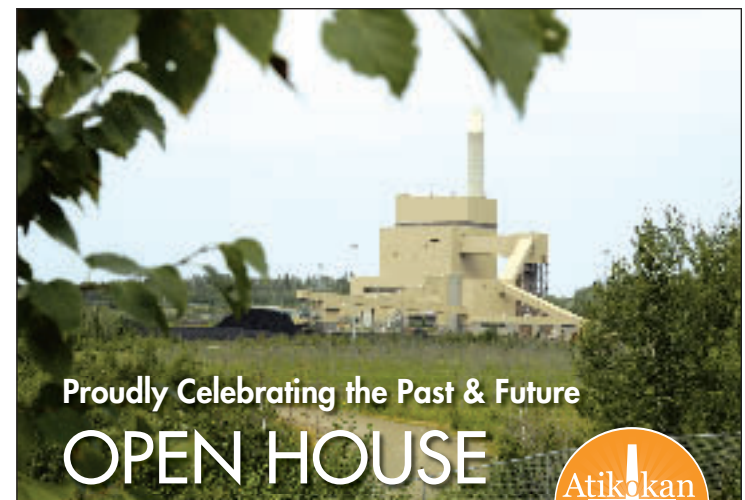
**LEMANSKI, ANDREW**, 73, on June 18, 2010, retired Aug. 1, 1992; Plant Processes Engineer, Head Office

**MACKIE, GEORGE A.**, 86, on July 2, 2010, retired Nov. 1, 1985; Director - Projects and Construction, Head Office

**SPENCER, JANET**, 68, on July 10, 2010, retired June 1, 2002; Civil Maintainer II Journeyperson, Darlington Nuclear

**SYMONDS, ALLEN R.**, 85, on July 5, 2010, retired July 1, 1989; Training Technician - Operator, Bruce Nuclear

**TELFORD, JIM**, 52, on July 12, 2010; Nuclear Operator, Pickering Nuclear



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Saturday, September 11, 2010: Noon - 4 p.m.

**ATIKOKAN GENERATING STATION  
25th Anniversary Celebration  
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Please join us in celebrating 25 years in the community of Atikokan.

Activities will include station tours, historic photos, informative displays, entertainment and free food and refreshments. Be among old friends while you revisit the past and take a look at plans for the future.

There is ample parking on site. Free bus transportation will be available from the Atikokan Town Hall parking lot from noon until 3 p.m. with return service at 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 4 p.m.

For your safety, closed shoes with flat heels must be worn on the plant tours. For more information, please call (807) 597-1110 or e-mail: [ed.enge@opg.com](mailto:ed.enge@opg.com).

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**CORRECTION:** The July issue of *POWERNews* featured a story entitled, "What do OPG and NASA have in common?" The mock-up building for OPG's robotic arm was located at the Kipling site, not the Pickering site as published.

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