



Memorable Members – Jim Youngson and Ed Quick
chatting with Aunty Wright



Mary Jean Gallagher, family and friends

"The weather for our AGM and awards dinner was frightful. But for the more than 60 who attended the evening was delightful. Our president's opening to Mary Jean Gallagher was moving and full of significance. It was an example of how a teacher can make a difference. Mary Jean's history of provincial government's work in education was passionate and insightful."

Her presentation, more poetic than my introductory limerick, described our successes and our challenges. We know so much more about teaching and learning than we did even a decade ago. For example, we recognize the teacher's fallacy that just because we teach something does not mean students learned it.

The work of John Hattie and other researchers have really crystallized the conditions for quality learning.

While Mary Jean highlighted the progress made in Ontario, we have far to go.

Our challenge is to act on what we know in a truly global and culturally diverse society. Our actions need to be collaborative to meet these challenges.

Mary Jean concluded by stressing the ethic of collaboration taking a cue from the southern African philosophy connected to "Ubuntu" "I am what I am because of who we all are."

Like the Boston Celtics basketball team who adopted this philosophy to promote successful team play, we need to adopt this ethic if we are to succeed.

By John Myers



Program Chair Nancy Nightingale and Nehal Patel
ChalkWalk Co-Chair



Reneta Racheva, Marilyn Hahn and Julie Reid were
presented certificates of membership longevity by
membership Chair Nancy Nightingale

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**To the Attendees at the University of Toronto Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa's
Presentation of the Outstanding Educator Award:**

On behalf of the Ministry of Education, I am pleased to extend my best wishes to all those attending this ceremony.

It is indeed fitting that this award should go to Mary Jean Gallagher, who is Ontario's Chief Student Achievement Officer, as well as Assistant Deputy Minister of the Student Achievement Division of the ministry.

Throughout her career, Mary Jean has displayed her passion for student achievement and community service in countless ways. As a teacher, superintendent, director of education and Chair of the Council of Ontario Directors of Education, she has exemplified the finest qualities of an educator. No one is more deserving of this award than Mary Jean Gallagher.

Once again, I wish you all the best in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Sandals".

Liz Sandals
Minister