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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SUMMER 2018



Is it too early to say Fall is on its way?

As the last few weeks of hot weather, sunny days and relaxing breaks away from work, we want to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for your support this last year. We tried out a few new events, like our outside Drone BBQ meeting in September and our April Battle of the Bands, which got great feedback! We hope to continue to bring you new and different events and topics over the next year.

In June, we held our annual John McHugh Charity golf tournament and Ariss Valley Golf Course. We raised \$6200 for the Cystic Fibrosis Canada. One of our social members, Rene Caskanette of Caskanette Udall Consulting Engineers, accepted our donation and shared some information on CF, and how this money will help with research to one day hopefully find a cure.

For our 2018-2019 year, we are welcoming Lisa Dobson back as a Director, and Jeff Cronk is coming in as our Secretary. We are saying goodbye to Jennifer Mohr and Stephen Tucker and want to thank them for their commitment to our organization over the past few years. They will be missed and we hope to see them out at our events! Jennifer Brown is moving into the Provincial Delegate roll and will be keeping us in the know with all the provincial events throughout the year!

Every year we choose a charity to donate the funds raised through the sale of 50/50 tickets and the charity golf tournament– this year's charity is Nutrition for Learning. Their goal is to enhance the ability to learn by ensuring that each student attends school well nourished in Waterloo Region. More information is provided on what they do later in the bulletin.

Our September tradeshow is just around the corner. Please see our website (www.kw-oiaa.ca) for more info and to register your company's booth or purchase tickets for the dinner following the tradeshow. We are moving to a new location – Bingemans in Kitchener.

As always, we want to celebrate you and your achievements if you have achieved a designation or received an award, let us know so we can share! If your company is hosting an event and want us to share, let any of our board members know! We are always looking for articles to include in our bulletin, so feel free to reach out to Manish Patel or any board member

Thank you and I look forward to sharing the upcoming year with everyone!

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Lisa is a Property Supervisor, with the Claims Response Centre at The Co-operators. She has over 20 years experience in the insurance industry and started working with The Co-operators in 2001. Lisa graduated from Mohawk College with a Business Administration Certificate and from Seneca College with her Rehabilitation Counselling Certificate (Honours). She has completed her CIP and is currently working on her Advanced CIP. Lisa is a past KW-OIAA president and happy to be joining the executive team again. She likes camping with her family (especially with their new trailer) – “glamping” is definitely the way to go, loves photography and reading.



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Jeff Cronk is the Claims and Customer Experience Manager at Curo Claims Services. He has worked at Curo/OTIP Since 2007 with experience in Auto, Property and Casualty claims handling. Jeff is a graduate of the Business Marketing and Business of Insurance Programs at Fanshawe College. Jeff also has his FCIP and CRM, and recently completed a Bachelors of Business Administration from Yorkville University. He enjoys spending his free time with his wife Cynthia, and daughters Chloe and Penelope (and a little golf when he can!).

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While hunger and poverty are a major social problem beyond the scope of our organization, we can ensure that the children living in our community go to school well nourished.

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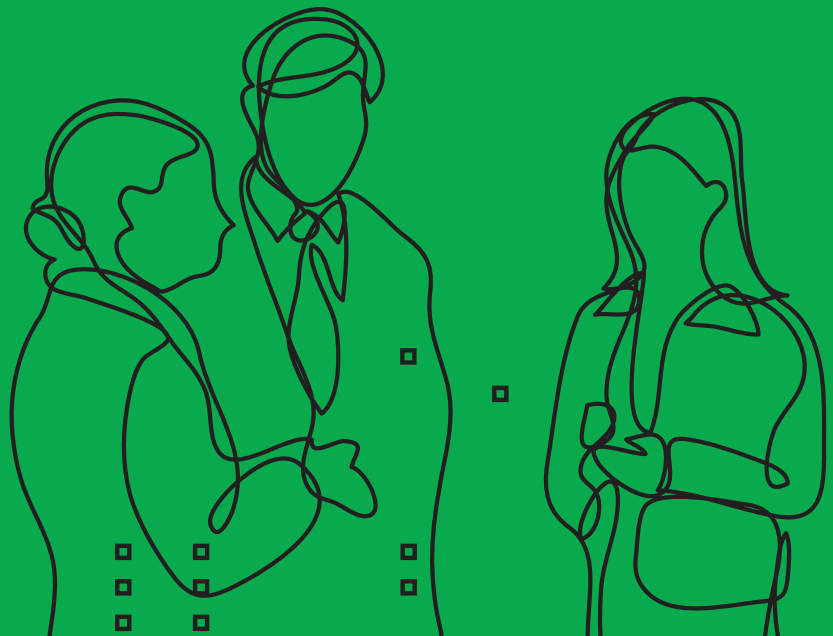
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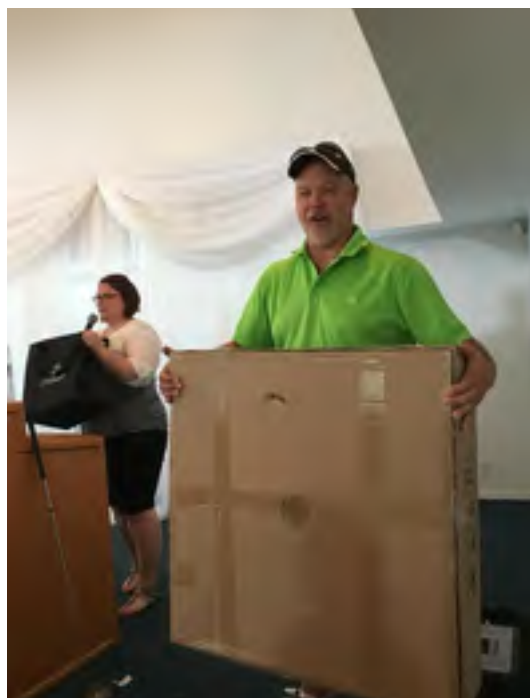
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