



Third Age Network

an association of lifelong learning groups in Ontario

Newsletter- Summer 2015

TAN Second Symposium

Partners in Learning, TAN's second biennial symposium was held in May at Ryerson University in Toronto. David Crombie, former Mayor of Toronto and Federal Cabinet Minister kicked off the meeting with a talk about 'Being an Active Senior' – and he sure is the poster boy for that! With his wealth of experience in politics and community activities he is in demand to lead a wide range of activities, primarily in the Toronto area now, ranging from waterfront development to speaking to seniors groups such as ours.



David Crombie, keynote speaker
with Nancy Christie, Chair TAN

Following David's challenging presentation, we learned from each other. Leaders from member organizations shared experiences in operating successful Third Age learning organizations through presentations and panels.



Session Chair, Gillian
Anchel, Hamilton TAL



Julian Sale, TAL Guelph

Over 90 representatives of TAN member organizations participated in the Open Session which concluded the symposium and offered suggestions to colleagues in response to issues raised from the floor. It was a very useful way to share practical solutions to common issues. Examples included where to find speakers and alternative solutions for speakers actually being present -especially for organizations that are less central and may not have an easy link with a post secondary institution, topics for future symposia, how to increase value of membership for TAN members –such as group insurance, mentoring, etc.

Our thanks to Margaret Robertson, the Symposium Committee and numerous volunteers who produced the successful event. Thanks also to Ryerson University for making a great space available for our symposium.

Second Annual Meeting

The second Annual Meeting of TAN was held following the symposium. Members were advised that the organization has now been incorporated – thanks to the work of Austin Knowlton (TAL Burlington). Various members of the Board updated members on activities over the past year, and plans for the upcoming year.

A Tanplan Committee (Chair, Nora McAuliffe, Lifelong Learning Mississauga) has been established to give deeper thought into appropriate activities for TAN, and to consider the ideas presented at the symposium and Annual Meeting. Individuals who would be interested in sitting on the Tanplan Committee are asked to contact Nora (noramcauliffe@rogers.com).

New Committees to be established – interested?

Two new committees for TAN are being established: communications and education.

The communications committee will undertake to increase both internal and external communications for TAN. Sheilagh Hickie has agreed to Chair this committee.

We are still seeking a Chair and members for the Education Committee whose role will be to identify topics and leaders for future TAN workshops and symposia.

If you are interested in getting involved with TAN, and participating in either of these committees, contact Sheilagh Hickie (Shickie@bell.net) or Nancy Christie (nancy.christie@utoronto.ca).



TAN Board Meeting – November 9, 2015

The next TAN Board meeting has been rescheduled to November 9, 2015 and will incorporate an interactive discussion of TAN's mission and goals and the role of member representatives. More details on this to follow.

TAN Website www.thirdagenetwork.ca

Our webmaster, Margaret Robertson has made some changes to the TAN website. Take a look! A new addition is a listing of Third Age Learning groups beyond our membership – across Canada and internationally.

If you have suggestions for other items to be added to the website, contact Margaret Robertson (margrob@sympatico.ca).

Sharing Member Information

We exploring new ways to obtain member information and data and incorporate it into a useful format for you. More to come on this.



Insurance Survey

TAN is working on the possibility of a group insurance plan for its members. Certain data will be required to assess the viability of such a program. Expect a brief survey in the near future. We need your help to make this work. Many thanks.

Get in Touch!

Be sure to let us know about your activities and programs, community outreach and contacts. Send pictures and details to us at TAN. (info@thirdagenetwork.ca)