



JFAO Exchange Program 2018

April showers bring May flowers, and May brings the start of another summer of international exchange delegates. We were happy to welcome seven delegates this year from England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, and Australia. They began their journey in the Wentworth-Niagara and Haldimand-Norfolk region this year, with a fun filled week. They travelled from county to county exploring the local attractions and taking in as much as they could fit into each week. At the start of their summer, they were able to attend JFAO Leadership camp on the shores of Lake Simcoe, before having some cottage time all together hosted by Grey County. They all travelled together to the west for their break week this year and got to experience the Calgary Stampede and some of The Rockies. They returned to Renfrew County for two weeks which included the annual tradition of White Water rafting!



Renfrew County was the host location of this year’s annual Ambassador’s Banquet on August 11th. We had a great turnout of members, hosts, and alumni for a night of travel stories and dancing. Attendees were carried to Scotland and Wales through stories and photos shared by Zach Lance (Wales) and Danielle Teefy (Scotland) after returning from their exchanges earlier in the summer.



Following a fantastic meal and presentations, several sets of square dancers broke out for a great night of fun, with the help of Renfrew JF Alumni, which was a great opportunity for the exchange delegates to learn a few new dances to travel home with.

As the summer drew to an end, the delegates packed their bags and set out on their journey home, but packed up in those bags were many great memories and friendships to cherish for a lifetime. The JFAO would like to sincerely thank all those involved with this year’s exchange program, whether welcoming delegates for a meal, a farm tour, or opening your doors and inviting them to be a part of your family for their time here, these contributions are what make our program so exceptional year after year.

If you missed the summer delegates, be sure not to miss out on welcoming our fall exchange delegates from Wales on November 11, 2018. If you have questions about the exchange program or if you are interested in hosting or travelling through the JFAO, please email cip@jfao.on.ca.

Sarah Teefy
Director of Community and International Programs

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Autumn Profile 2018 October
27, 2018

Provincial Board Meeting
November 16, 2018

Sing Swing 2018
November 17, 2018

Ontario Young Farmers'
Forum (OYFF)
November 18-19, 2018
Hamilton, Ontario

Provincial Directors Meeting
January 12, 2019

Roast and Toast for Matt Smith
January 12, 2019

March Conference 2019
March 22, 2019

President's Message

It just seemed like yesterday that we thinking of warm weather and all of the JFAO activities we can do. We are still able to enjoy JFAO activities, but in slightly cooler weather!

Ontario Young Farmers' Forum will be soon upon us. This year the theme of OYFF is "Growing With The Times". OYFF is happening in Hamilton and in conjunction with the OFA AGM. The OYFF Committee has been working hard to create a great event that is both informative, but allow for great networking opportunities.

2019 is a special year for JFAO... JFAO is 75 years young! A 75th Reunion committee has been struck and a reunion is in the works for August of next year. The winter bullhorn will have more details about the reunion and how you can get involved!

Before we know it, March will be soon upon us, and thus March Conference. This year's March Conference will be held March 30-31 in Cambridge. Details on registration and location will be soon released, so stay tuned to the JFAO website and future Bullhorns.

I want to thank you for reading this message and the fall version of the Bullhorn. If you wish to drop me a line you can email me at president@jfao.on.ca or you can call my personal phone at 519-377-0301.

Erich Weber
JFAO President 2018

A composite image for a Richardson advertisement. On the left, a man with a beard and a baseball cap stands with his arms crossed. In the center, a cityscape with mountains in the background is shown. On the right, a young boy is smiling while eating with chopsticks. Overlaid on the image is the text "Richardson is global" in a mix of bold sans-serif and cursive fonts, and "Supplying Canadian-grown crops and food products to 58 countries worldwide." in a smaller sans-serif font.

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Club Reports

Waterloo



The long, hot days of summer have passed us by very quickly. The Waterloo JFers had a busy summer that was kicked off hosting the delegates, and followed by several road trips across the province for several provincial and fellow club events such as Leadership Camp, and Ambassadors' Banquet. Several members spent a very hot day helping Oxford JF in cleaning up after a successful Embro Truck and Tractor Pull (shout out to Oxford for a job well done!). A few short weeks later, we made the long commute to the eastern half of the province to attend the Ambassadors' Banquet. This was a great time to reconnect with both our international delegates and several of the newly returned outgoing JF delegates. Thank you to our hosts Renfrew for a great dinner and dance. Finally, we enjoyed volunteering with Kitchener-Waterloo's Foodlink event and are hoping to continue and grow this relationship in the future. We also completed two of our affiliation requirements. The first, community betterment project, was a roadside clean-up along Waterloo JF's adopted road.

As always, there were some interesting finds, with the most interesting being a little garden snake who managed to find itself within a garbage bag. In early October, Waterloo JF alumnus Gord Grant was very kind in donating his time to go over the structure of JFAO and how to run an effective meeting. As the days shorten and the summer's humidity fades, the club is looking forward to reconnecting with JF friends across the province at Autumn Profile (hosted by Wentworth-Niagara), Sing Swing (hosted by Essex-Kent), and OYFF.



Written by Tina Straathof

Haldimand-Norfolk

Haldimand-Norfolk Junior Farmers Summer Fundraisers

This Summer the Haldimand- Norfolk JFers were proud to run a bottle drive project collecting proceeds for the Haldimand Abilities Centre as well as the Norfolk Women's shelter. Not only did our trustee JF team set up drop off points for collection locally but we also coordinated our drive with our annual road side clean up! In doing this, we were able to sort bottles/ cans from garbage to ensure the most proceeds as well as the most environmentally friendly outcome possible. Our club spent over 6 hours in the ditches between Haldimand and Norfolk counties



and were very pleased to see our earth day finished product of Hwy 3 / Hwy 6. Once our bags of cans were sorted, club members also then sat down and pulled can tabs to donate to another local charity for wheel chair fundraising to help keep the good deed going! We were happy to give \$500.00 to each charity by the end of the drive! After our bottle drive was all said and done it was time to jump into Norfolk County Fair week. Seven days of agricultural bliss! We were excited to run our food booth once again selling back bacon on a bun produced locally by VG Meats as well as Hewitts dairy



milk! This year though our club decided to add a slight twist to our menu and we were so glad we did. Anyone who was able to sing the Junior Farmer song would receive a free milk! This allowed us not only to hear many wonderful voices and see multiple smiling faces, but it also allowed us to meet many alumni which we otherwise may have never met! We also set out a tip jar for anyone wanting to make donations with all proceeds going to our provincial charity, by the end our donations totalled over \$250.00. All In all it was a great week with many wonderful stories shared. We are so grateful for our volunteers who consisted of our members, parents, friends, family and alumni who supported us for yet another season. We are excited to see what the rest of this year brings and look forward to new fundraising ideas in the near future!

Embroid Truck and Tractor Pull - Oxford County



August 4-5, 2018 marked the 13th annual Embroid Truck and Tractor Pull hosted by Oxford County Junior Farmers. Coming off of a challenging 2017 due to heavy rains cancelling the event, we were hoping for the best but preparing for the worst. As it turns out, the weather cooperated this year, with gorgeous sunny skies and warm but not too hot temperatures. Leading up to the pull, it was threatening rain causing us to tarp the track a week prior to the event, just in case. It turned out to be a gorgeous week, allowing most farmers to finish up wheat harvest to come compete in Farm Stock Friday. This year saw over 140 hooks in the farm stock competition. We had record-breaking class sizes for the big iron (50-60,000 pound and over 60,000-pound classes). It was great to see a few

different tractors out, including some large John Deere's as well as a Case Quad Trac. To make things interesting this year, we held a dyno competition - farm stock competitors could hook their tractor up to a dyno to see how many horsepower it was putting out, with a prize for the highest recorded. This honour went to Chris Checkley of Arthur with the Case 600 Quad Trac. There is a bit of friendly rivalry with the Case IH Checkley family of Arthur and the John Deere group at Killins Custom Work, they have competed against each other in Embroid for the last four years. Although Checkley was able to put out more horsepower, traction is key at a tractor pull, and the wheeled Deeres outpulled the Quad Trac.

Saturday at the pull was another success, with crowds that matched our previous record, and lots of food and drinks being consumed. One great thing about the tractor pulling circuit is seeing the growing base of local competitors. Over the last couple of years, there have been a few new Oxford County competitors come into the circuit, including Jim Rettie with "Optimist Prime" and Bram Koolmees with "Blue Addiction", both of Norwich.



We try our hardest to keep the Embroid Truck and Tractor Pull a very family-friendly event. In the past, we have had inflatable rides including a giant slide and a bouncy castle. This year, we expanded our kid-friendly activities by hiring Woodstock Spider Man to come out for a couple of hours each day. To our surprise, he even brought Deadpool along with him! The children and the adults in the crowd loved them, and so did some of our committee members!

One thing we pride ourselves on at the Embroid Tractor Pull is limiting vendors to non-profit organizations as much as possible. This year, we had the United Way of Oxford selling pizza, the Oxford Community 4-H Club

selling pop and water, the Tavistock Optimists selling fries and croquettes, and the Oxford Dairy Producers selling ice cream. Combined, these groups raised over \$13,000 this year!

2018 EMBROID TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULL

7287 Attendees DRINKS SOLD 16350 1296 hot dogs + sausages

140 farm stock hooks \$13,000 Raised by other non-profits 1800 brisket on a bun

\$250,000
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Perth and Huron

Blyth Threshers Ag Zone



Once again, the Perth and Huron Junior Farmers clubs pulled off the petting zoo at the Blyth Threshers. This event ran from September 7-9 in Blyth Ontario, allowing all the attendees of the event to stop in and explore the animals inside. The attendees ranged from young children to

adults. It was a great chance for members to interact with the public not only promoting the clubs, but also sharing our knowledge of agriculture. Thank you to Perth for organizing the zone, and to both clubs for manning the tent. See you all there again next year.



Written by: Crystal Blake Executive Director of Ag Programs



Announcements

Weddings

Neil and Bonnie Ferguson - August 25, 2018

Kurtis and Bridget Smith - August 18, 2018



Jason and Amber Van Moorsel - August 18, 2018

Michael and Karyn Gill - July 27, 2018



Brian and Ammemarie Stirling - June 9, 2018



Births

Congratulations to Doug and Emma Skinner on the birth of their twins, Ivan and Evelyn on July 4th.

Media Release - Ontario Soil and Crops Association



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Media Release

OSCIA Names Straathof as Program Director

Guelph, Ontario, October 5, 2018 – Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) is pleased to welcome Angela Straathof as Program Director.

The Program Director position was created when two former program development and delivery units in the Guelph office were merged into one. The move will bring each of the subject matter experts in environmental stewardship, economic development, and protection and assurances all together on a single team. Straathof will work with all program staff and senior staff in other departments to develop and implement comprehensive work plans that best utilize OSCIA's collective skills and resources, and the move reinforces our ability for effective and efficient delivery of programs to the Ontario farm community.

Straathof received a PhD in soil chemistry and biology from the Department of Soil Quality at Wageningen in the Netherlands, ranked as the number one agricultural research university in the world. More locally to Ontario, her background includes being raised on a dairy farm in Eastern Ontario before studying Land Resource Management at the University of Guelph. She looks forward to bringing her research, management and leadership skills to Ontario and transitioning into a role that enables her to bring positive energy to working with farmers, government and the agricultural industry.

Peter McLaren, President of OSCIA, is thrilled that Straathof is joining the organization. "Angela's experience at world-class agricultural research facilities, background in Ontario agriculture, and consistency in project delivery to the highest possible standards will add even more depth to OSCIA's ability to deliver programs. Her knowledge in soil health will be greeted enthusiastically by our membership."

Straathof will begin her role at OSCIA on October 22. "It has always been my passion to communicate amongst farmers, researchers and policy makers in such a way that all parties feel understood, informed and valued. I have long-admired the progressive and influential work of the OSCIA and can't wait to get started in this exciting new role."

OSCIA is a unique not for profit grassroots farm organization whose mission is to facilitate responsible economic management of soil, water, air and crops through development and communication of innovative farming practices. It is farmers actively seeking, testing and adopting optimal farm production and stewardship practices. More information can be found at www.ontariosoilcrop.org

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For more information, please contact: Andrew Graham, Executive Director
agraham@ontariosoilcrop.org

Coming up in the next edition of the Bullhorn...
Club News
Autumn Profile News
75th Anniversary Details!!
...and so much more!

Gate Signs

The Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario (JFAO) is pleased to offer gate signs. Gate signs can be proudly displayed at the end of your driveway or as part of your farm gate display. There are two sign options including, "Alumni Lives Here" and "Member Lives Here".



The initiative was launched at the 2016 International Plowing Match held in Wellington County. Due to the popularity of the gate signs, JFAO has extended the availability through an online store.

This is your chance to show your support and pride of JFAO!

Once you have your sign installed, share a photo with us on social media using the #ProudJFer hashtag or email marketing@jfao.on.ca. Select photos may be chosen to be featured on the JFAO website or marketing materials.



**Is your farm eligible?
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Click 'Century Farm Sign' and apply if you meet the requirements.

Contact Crystal Blake, Executive Director of Agricultural Programs, for more information at agprograms@jfao.on.ca

**JF Alumni - If you are interested
in learning more about the
75th Anniversary of Junior Farmers
Please let us know!!**

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