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YWCA WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 21, 2011 - Members of YWCA Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton gave a warm welcome to new Board President, Christine Vogel, at the YWCA's Annual General Meeting held June 16th at Princess Gardens Atrium. Vogel, a YWCA Board member since 2006, welcomes this new opportunity for growth with the YWCA.

"In my sixth year on the board, I am honoured to assume the role of YWCA President, and to sit at the table with such a dynamic group of talented and caring women. With the tremendous success of the Safe Haven Campaign just behind us - due, in great part, to the unprecedented generosity of our community - we are well positioned for the next phase of the YWCA's strategic planning process.

With the women and children of our community foremost in mind, the YWCA looks forward to the development and enhancement of its food, safety, and advocacy programs, and to strengthening community partnerships ensuring that safe options exist for those experiencing violence, social and/or economic challenges," says Vogel.

The membership also elected new Directors, Life Coach Annie Gelfand, Outreach Coordinator Maryam Monsef, Human Resource Assistant Kathy Rochon, Financial Advisor Suzi Wills and Mechanical Engineer Jenn Harrington for the 2011-12 term. Returning Directors include Past President Sandy Lawrence, Vice Presidents Heather Stelzer, Jennifer Cureton, and Sheila Hamilton, Treasurer Gabriele Zeh-Abramsky, Secretary Mandy Hamu, and Directors Trish Graham, Olivia James, Eileen Madder and Lauren McGee.

Keynote speaker Dr. Rosana Pellizzari spoke about the importance of promoting the health of women and girls, as the YWCA does around the world. Students and staff of YWCA GirlSpace program at Kenner Collegiate did a presentation about the impact of their program.

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