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YWCA WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 18, 2010 - Members of the YWCA of Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton gave a warm welcome to new Board President, Sandy Lawrence, at the YWCA's Annual General Meeting held June 17th at Princess Gardens. Lawrence, a YWCA Board member for the past 5 years, brings to her new Executive position a wealth of experience acquired during her time as Chair of the YWCA Building and Construction Committees throughout the YWCA Crossroads Safe Haven Campaign, and welcomes this new opportunity for growth with the YWCA. "I first became involved with the YWCA when I saw how important their work is to the community and the women and families that are helped," says Sandy. "It gives me a good feeling to know that in some small way I am contributing to this work."

(Right): YWCA Board President, Sandy Lawrence



The membership also elected Clinical Counsellor Mandy Hamu, Financial Advisor Eileen Madder, retired teacher and YWCA Campaign Cabinet member Olivia James and owner of A to Z group of companies Gabriele Zeh-Abramsky, MBA as new Board Directors for the 2010-11 term. Returning Directors include Past President Theresa Butler-Porter, Vice Presidents Christine Vogel and Jennifer Cureton, Treasurer Vicki Whetung, Secretary Christine Roberts, and Directors Ann Douglas, Lauren McGee, Trish Graham, Sheila Hamilton, Heather Stelzer and Nancy Thomson.

The YWCA's 2009-10 Annual General Meeting of the Membership also offered an opportunity for members to catch a glimpse of the many heart-warming and sometimes humorous encounters that took place behind the scenes of the YWCA Crossroads Safe Haven Campaign, which announced its overwhelming success earlier this spring. Campaign Cabinet member Olivia James and Theresa Butler-Porter shared insights and anecdotes with those in attendance, and continue to express their gratitude to the many "Wonderful Ones" who have made the YWCA's vision a reality.

The YWCA exists to support the right of all women and their families to live free from violence, poverty and oppression. The new YWCA Crossroads Shelter is scheduled to open its doors in the summer of 2010.

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