



Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to the 17th Annual Sparrow Lake Alliance Meeting on May 5 and 6, 2006, at the Bayview-Wildwood Resort on Sparrow Lake.

We invite you to join us for a stimulating and challenging conference, consisting this year of presentations that focus on how safe and caring schools can be created for our children and youth.

As always, there will be fascinating speakers, contact and networking with colleagues in the service field and government, and an opportunity for interactive participation in the development and refinement of a discussion paper and policy recommendations through an expertly facilitated discussion session. Additionally, there is the beautiful lake and scenery, and the chance to renew ourselves after a long winter.

We very much look forward to seeing you at Sparrow Lake and especially want to welcome those of you who will be attending the conference for the first time.

Sincerely,

Sparrow Lake Alliance

Celia Denov  
Graham Clyne  
Co-Chairs



**SPARROW LAKE ALLIANCE**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**  
**May 5-6, 2006**  
**Bayview-Wildwood Resort**

**PROGRAM**

**THEME: *Creating the Schools We Want for Our Children: A Community Responsibility***

Broad concern for international competitiveness has led to a renewed focus on academic achievement and public accountability by educators. At the same time, there has been widespread concern about school violence, bullying and school drop outs. Changes in society and families are producing pressure for schools to do more to foster academic and life success. How can we, as a community, use our resources, our values, and the evidence of research, to create the school culture that our children and youth require to be successful?

This year's annual conference consists of presentations that focus on how safe and caring schools can be created for our children and youth. In addition, there will be an opportunity for participants to be involved in the development and refinement of a discussion paper and policy recommendations on this topic through an expertly facilitated discussion session.

Friday, May 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2006		
8:00- 9:00am	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	Lakefield Dining Room
9:00-10:00am	Coffee & registration	Crusader Lounge
10:00-10:30am	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction of Conference Theme</b>	SLA Co-Chairs
10:30-11:30am	<i>Keynote Address</i>	<p><b>Thomas Lickona</b>            Director, Center for the Fourth and Fifth Rs (Respect and Responsibility)            Cortland, NY  <b>Author of <u>Report to the Nation. Smart and Good High Schools: Integrating Excellence and Ethics for Success in School, Work and Beyond.</u> (2005)</b>  <b>TOPIC: <i>Creating School Cultures</i></b>            What type of schools do we want for our children and youth? Throughout history, and in cultures all over the world, education rightly conceived has had two great goals: to help students strive for academic excellence and to help them develop the characteristics needed to become ethical, caring, responsible citizens. This presentation draws on recent research to discuss creating a school culture that fosters both of these goals.</p>
11:30-12:00pm	Discussion	
12:00-1:30pm	<b>LUNCH</b>	Lakefield Dining Room
1:30-2:30pm	<i>Panel Presentation</i>	<p><b>Jane Bertrand</b>, Executive Director, Atkinson Centre for Society and Child Development, Toronto ON  <b>Linda Baker</b>, Executive Director, Centre for Children and Families in the Justice System, London ON  <b>John Liston</b>, Former Executive Director of Children's Aid Society, London and Middlesex ON  <b>Sally Potts</b>, Principal, Simcoe District School Board  <b>TOPIC: <i>The Community Responsibility</i></b>            Success in school is the best predictor of any child's future success in life. Panel members will address how sectors can contribute to success in school for all children.</p>
2:30-4:30pm	<i>Group Facilitation</i>	<p><b>Facilitator: Graham Clyne</b>, SLA Co-Chair  <b>TOPIC: <i>Sparrow Lake Speaks: Sectors working together to ensure student success in school.</i></b>            Participants will actively participate in a consultation and strategy session designed to provide practical advice on how all sectors can contribute to creating the schools we want for our children and youth. Discussion results will form the basis of a discussion paper and policy recommendations for both Ministry of Education and Ministry of Children and Youth Services.</p>
4:30-6:30pm	Free Time	
6:30-8:00pm	<b>DINNER &amp;</b>	<b>Sparrow Lake Alliance Award Presentation</b>

Saturday, May 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2006		
8:00-9:00am	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	
9:00-9:30am	<i>Presentations</i>	<b>TOPIC: "Updates"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Mental Health</li> <li>Children in Limbo Task Force</li> <li>SLA January 06 Symposium report</li> </ul>
9:30-9:45am	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
9:45-11:45am	<i>Presentations</i>	<b>TOPIC: <i>Life in the Fast Lane: Change in the Ministries Vision, Current Activities and Future Plans</i></b> <b>Judith Wright</b> Deputy Minister, Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services <b>Ben Levin</b> Deputy Minister, Ontario Ministry of Education
11:45-12:00pm	<i>Discussion</i>	
	Wrap-Up	SLA Co-Chairs
12:00-1:30pm	<b>LUNCH / DEPARTURE</b>	

## Keynote Speaker Biography:

**Dr. Thomas Lickona** is a developmental psychologist and Professor of Education at the State University of New York at Cortland, where he has done award-winning work in teacher education and currently directs the Center for the Fourth and Fifth Rs (Respect and Responsibility). He has also been a visiting professor at Boston and Harvard Universities.

A past president of the Association for Moral Education, Dr. Lickona now serves on the advisory councils of the Character Education Partnership, Character Counts Coalition and Medical Institute for Sexual Health.

Dr. Lickona is a frequent consultant to schools on character education and a frequent speaker at conferences for teachers, parents, religious educators, and other groups concerned about the moral development of young people. He has lectured across the United States and in Canada, Japan, Switzerland, Ireland, and Latin America on the subject of teaching moral values in the school and in the home.

Dr. Lickona holds a Ph.D. in psychology from the State University of New York at Albany and has done research on the growth of children's moral reasoning. He has been named a State University of New York Faculty Exchange Scholar and the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from the State University of New York at Albany.



# Sparrow Lake Alliance

Deadline for registration:

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006

Cancellation policy:

No refund after April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006

## 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 5-6<sup>th</sup>, 2006

### Conference Registration & Membership Renewal Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE/POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

FAX \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques  
payable to:

**Sparrow Lake Alliance**

c/o CHSRG  
The Hospital for Sick Children  
555 University Avenue  
Toronto, ON M5G 1X8

Phone: (416) 813-8922  
Fax: (416) 813-7258  
contact@sparrowlake.org

#### Conference Costs

\_\_\_\_\_ REGULAR - \$125.00

(INCLUDES Renewed Membership for April 1, 2006 - March 31, 2007)

\_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT or RETIREE - \$60.00

(With proof of registration in a recognized educational program)

#### Donations

- In addition to my fees, I am enclosing a **personal** donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
(If over \$25.00, a tax-deductible receipt will be issued)
- In addition to my fees my **institution** would like to be a Sponsor of the Sparrow Lake Alliance. I am enclosing a cheque of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (min. \$100.00)
- I can not attend the conference in 2006, but wish to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_.

# ACCOMODATION RESERVATION FORM – SLA ANNUAL MEETING 2006

 (Reservations may be made by phone, fax or email)

1500 Port Stanton Parkway RR #1,  
Severn Bride, ON P0E 1N0  
Toll-free 1-800-461-0243  
Fax: (705) 689-8042  
Email: resv@bayviewwildwood.com

## DEADLINE

In order to guarantee your accommodation, reservations must be received by **Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006**.

## DEPOSIT

A deposit of \$75.00 per person is required by **Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006** in order to guarantee your reservation.

## SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

You must book meal tickets and conference services with the resort even if overnight accommodation is not required. Please reserve by **Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006**. Tickets can be paid for at the front desk upon arrival.

## CANCELLATION

You may cancel up to **Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006** with an administrative service charge of \$25.00. After this date your entire deposit is forfeited.

## PACKAGE DETAILS

 (Rates do not include taxes & room surcharges)

Package Rates: Double **\$127.00** (per person) / Single **\$169.00** (per person)

Package includes: Friday night accommodation, 4 meals\*, conference services, and use of on-site recreational facilities.

Thursday Night Rates: Double **\$84.00** / Single **\$137.00** (includes 2 meals\*)

*\*There is no refund for missed meals*

## RESERVATION DETAILS

*Please contact the resort directly, and be sure to specify that you are booking for the SPARROW LAKE ALLIANCE Annual Meeting.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people booking: \_\_\_\_\_ (Adults) \_\_\_\_\_ (Children)

Sharing accommodation with: \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

## MEALS & CONFERENCE SERVICES ONLY

 (please circle)

**FRIDAY:** Breakfast Lunch Dinner

**SATURDAY:** Breakfast Lunch

Are there any dietary restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

## CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

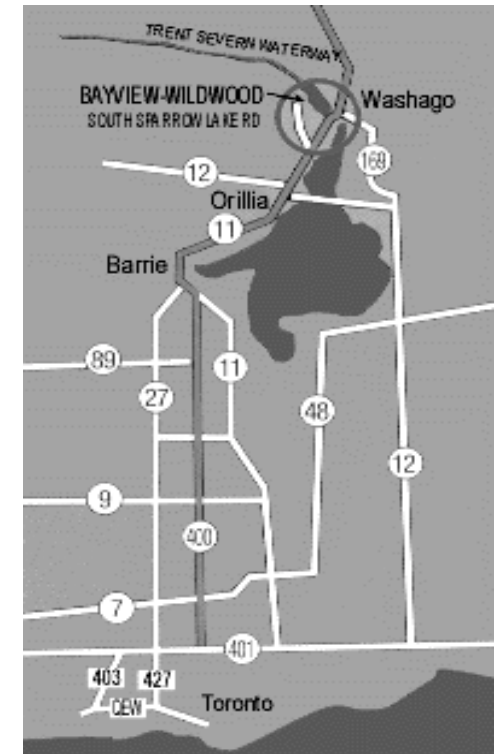
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Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Card Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Direct Payment for balances is also available at the resort.*

**\*Please note that space at the resort is limited. In the event that maximum capacity has been reached, please contact Nicole Lajeunesse for other accommodation options: 416-813-8922 or contact@sparrowlake.org**



## Driving from Toronto Area

- Take Highways 400 and 11 North to about 10 km North of Orillia.
- Turn at South Sparrow Lake Road, and then follow the signs - 8 km to Port Stanton.

**By Train:** VIA or ONR to Washago

**By Bus:** PMCL, Laidlaw or ONR Coach to Washago

**By Air:** Private Aircraft to Muskoka (YQA) OR Commercial Aircraft to Pearson International (YYZ)

*Shuttle service is also available between Washago and resort - call for details and costs.*