

# S.D.S.S. staff teacher receives Excellence in Education award

By JIM THOMAS  
STOUFFVILLE — Maureen Cunningham's the toast of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School and the Region of York.  
On May 30, she was the recipient of an Excellence in Education award, the highest honor the board of trustees can bestow.  
The presentation was made by Chairman Charles Cooper, Whitchurch-Stouffville trustee Harry Bowes was in attendance.

The selection committee based its decision mainly on the work Maureen has done in organizing exchange trips for students, including an ongoing exchange between Stouffville and Carpentras, France.  
The nomination was submitted by Dale Grose of the SDSS staff. Maureen's our Featured Teacher of the Week.  
Fluent in French Born in Toronto, Maureen re-

ceived her elementary and secondary school education at Haver-gal College.  
Languages and History were 'first love' subjects for Maureen. She received awards in each following completion of Grade 13.  
She later majored in Modern Languages and Literatures at the University of Toronto.  
Maureen's been a teacher in the York Region system 13 years and prior to that in New Brunswick.

She came to the staff at SDSS from Huron Heights, Newmarket.  
"I never really thought of doing anything else," Maureen says. She admits, however, that Law was an acceptable alternative.  
Core subjects are Beginning German, (Grade 11 advanced), and Senior French.  
Began in 1985

The highly successful student exchange program began in 1985 and was put into practice the spring of '86. Maureen's the co-ordinator for the whole of York Region, a responsibility that takes up half of her on-staff time. The link with Carpentras will see Stouffville, Markham, Unionville and Aurora students visiting there for a second time in 1989. The Carpentras contingent's already been here twice.  
The two communities, (Stouffville and Carpentras), are now twinned, with local Council rolling out the red carpet this spring.  
Maureen describes the experience as 'incredible'. She sees the ties as on-going and the relationships as life-long.  
"It tends to promote greater understanding of each other's cultures," she explains, "Canada and France are no longer foreign countries."  
The exchange program is planned so far in advance, students have up to 18 months to finance their trips, says Maureen.  
She describes the Carpentras adults as "lovely people." "It's like meeting old friends," she says.

## Traffic jammed

Dear Editor:  
Leaving work on Friday, friendly calls of "have a good weekend" follow us to our cars.

For a group of Stouffville-ites, the "good weekend" doesn't begin until late Saturday afternoon.

I count myself as one of the many people who live on the south side of Main Street between Hwys. 48 and 47.

The Town has not afforded us the privilege of being able to utilize the two stop-lights that have been provided to control traffic.

Saturday is generally programmed in terms of shopping for the following week, and we spend a good part of the day in our cars.

The Southsiders must sit at the end of their streets until some generous soul allows us to pull out half-way. Now, we must hopefully wait for a good Samaritan who understands our plight.

Unfortunately, most of the Sales Barn traffic is comprised of Torontonians who are programmed not to give an inch.

Could the Town not move the lights from in front of the IGA to Market Street and provide access to Main for all residents east of the tracks?  
The West side should be considered and possibly a third set of lights is the answer?

I would like to understand the strategy behind the location of the present stop-lights. Hopefully, a member of Council will publically enlighten me.

Sincerely,  
Liz Farley,  
O'Brien Avenue,  
Stouffville



Maureen Cunningham, Head of Moderns at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, was the recipient of a 1988 Excellence in Education Award at a ceremony held

recently. Maureen organizes the student exchange program for all of York Region.

—Jim Thomas

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