



## MEMBER NEWS

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Member News is a quarterly communiqué of F.U.N. that shares useful information amongst the Federation's members. In this issue, we describe some successful programmes that deal with common challenges we all face with our local associations.

If you have something you would like to contribute to a future issue, send a message to [communications@urbanneighbourhoods.ca](mailto:communications@urbanneighbourhoods.ca).

### **Need ideas to recruit new members or obtain renewals?**

***Don Mills Residents Incorporated*** (DMRI) in Toronto has a proven track record of recruiting and retaining members. It has well over 1000 members (at \$20 each, you do the math!!). The Federation interviewed its President, Terry West, to learn its "secret formula". To read that interview go to the RESOURCE CENTRE page of our website or click on the link below:

<http://urbanneighbourhoods.wordpress.com/resource-centre/>

### **Do you want to get better results with your local issues?**

***Oakvillegreen Conservation Association*** has a very impressive list of accomplishments. Their President, Liz Benneian, won the national 2009 Hometown Hero Award. To help others become more successful in their advocacy efforts, Liz has been running free half day "Organize to Win" workshops for other community groups. F.U.N. ran one of them at our 2011 AGM on May 7 in Sudbury.

More information on Oakvillegreen can be viewed at: [www.oakvillegreen.org](http://www.oakvillegreen.org)

To set up a workshop in your area contact Liz at [president@oakvillegreen.org](mailto:president@oakvillegreen.org)

### **Looking for ways to generate funds?**

***Durand Neighbourhood Association*** in Hamilton has been organizing *Grand Durand Garden Tours*. The self-directed tour allowed visitors a peek behind the garden gates of nine or 10 of the City's finest addresses. Proceeds of the tours (\$18,000.00) went to the association for beautification of the Durand Park.

To read more about this go to the Resource Centre page of our website.

To get details on how to organize a similar event in your area contact Janice Brown at [jedbrown2009@gmail.com](mailto:jedbrow2009@gmail.com)

### **Would you like to have an easy to setup, easy to maintain and FREE (yes FREE!) website?**

Several of our members use WORDPRESS. You don't need any special technical knowledge. You can instantly update it yourself without going through a technical person. Did we mention that it is free?

Some examples of other residents groups that use it:

[www.urbanneighbourhoods.ca](http://www.urbanneighbourhoods.ca)

[www.grangecommunity.ca](http://www.grangecommunity.ca)

[www.hamptoniona.ca](http://www.hamptoniona.ca)

[www.orchardparksherwoodforestratepayers.ca/](http://www.orchardparksherwoodforestratepayers.ca/)

[www.drawindsor.ca/](http://www.drawindsor.ca/)

To set up your own website go to [www.wordpress.com](http://www.wordpress.com)

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