



A collage of three photographs showing a political event. The main photo shows a group of men standing in front of Canadian flags and balloons. Two smaller inset photos show close-ups of individuals at the event.

A group of people are gathered indoors. On the left, a man in a blue cap and a patterned jacket stands next to a woman in a dark jacket. In the center, a woman in a dark jacket is looking towards the right. On the right, a woman in a patterned jacket is smiling. A man in a green shirt is visible in the foreground, looking towards the group. The background features a blue and white patterned wall.

MAJORITY

New to the Conservative EDA Board for 2011:

Rita Thiessen, Dennis Milburn, Joshua Brown,
Ursula Neuscheler, Alex Plenits, and
Tako van Popta!

New Faces on the EDA!



Alex Plenits is currently in his second year at Trinity Western University studying business. He volunteers with the Abbotsford Youth Council, organizes opportunities for TWU students to go scuba diving and works at his university in a paid leadership position. Alex was a volunteer coach for three years with Athletes In Action's Friday Night Basketball program and has served four years with Abbotsford's 861 Silverfox Air Cadet squadron. This summer he is interning for MP Mark Strahl in Ottawa. Before beginning a career in finance he hopes to work as a scuba diving instructor abroad.



Joshua Brown is a 4th year student at Trinity Western University pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Studies as well as Christianity and Culture. He first became involved in politics as a volunteer for the Mark Warawa campaign during the 2008 election through his connection with the TWU Young Conservatives Club. He has since served as Treasurer and Vice President of the TWU club and is currently serving as President. Last summer he had the opportunity to intern in the Prime Minister's Office in Ottawa, and during the recent election served as Youth Manager for the Mark Warawa Campaign. He is honoured and excited to be able to serve as a director on the Langley Conservative EDA's board this year.



Rita Thiessen and her husband, Paul, have made Langley their home for the last 15 years and love the community feeling of Langley. They

have 3 children: twin daughters Rachel & Heidi, age 24 yrs, and a son, Paul, 13. Rita is involved in many areas at Christian Life Assembly and volunteers wherever possible. As a family they love to travel.



Tako van Popta is a long time Langley resident. As the managing partner of McQuarrie Hunter LLP, he oversees the business development of the firm and helps set the direction for its future growth. Tako has served on many community boards and committees over the years including as chairman of the Langley Memorial Hospital, Langley's Economic Development Commission, Credo Christian Elementary School in Langley and Elim Housing Society in Surrey. Tako and his wife Inga have have 5 adult children and more than a handful of grandchildren.



Dennis Milburn, geologist and Chartered Accountant, is a local businessman who has long supported Conservative causes. Dennis is also, obviously, a man of few words!



Ursula Neuscheler relocated to Langley 2.5 years ago from Burlington, Ontario with her husband Christoph and 4 year old daughter Ann-Sophie. After graduating from Mount Allison University in 1995 with an Arts Degree she became a certified TESL teacher and later received her ECE diploma. For the past 11 years she has taught and lived in both Germany and Ontario. Presently, she teaches ESL part-time at Langley Christian School and tutors International Students from RE Mountain Secondary. She and her husband are homestay parents to two lovely International students. In her spare time, Ursula is an active member of the Tong Louie YMCA and both attend and volunteer in the Sunday school at Calvary Church.

Prez Pam's Page

Our PM with THE PM!



Your Conservative Party of Canada Langley EDA Executive and Board of Directors for this year is one to be proud of because of the energy, enthusiasm, skill and knowledge the members embody. These leaders showed their commitment by working hard throughout the recent successful campaign, just as they do day after day all year on behalf of the members.

We are all delighted that the voters of Langley returned Member of Parliament Mark Warawa to office. He represents and serves all people of Langley faithfully, and with honesty and dedication. Mark actively serves on the Board and communicates via teleconferencing when he is in Ottawa.

I am very pleased with the calibre of this years' Board of Directors, whose names are listed on page 1. Five of the Directors are new to the Board this year, whom we've introduced on the previous page.

Some of the activities organized by the Directors are: holding meetings, developing budgets, participating in area, regional and national events, participating in parades, hosting the huge Canada Day Free Bingo event, participating in festivals, visiting members in the community, making telephone contact with the Langley community, raising money to assist other Conservative EDAs, writing about and photographing events, hosting conservative speakers and musicians at special dinners and concerts, developing policies and presenting them to the party, developing connections with youth associated with local secondary schools, universities and colleges, teaching members of our own and other EDAs organizational and campaign skills, and representing conservative beliefs within our community.

Our EDA has a very robust President's List of members who choose to get involved with EDA activities frequently throughout the year. They are: Donna Mae Bradshaw, Nazreen Burns, Suzanne Hof, Rick McMullan, Tamelia Platt, Jessie Legaree, Shannon Tito, Grant Ward, Joe Zaccaria, George Rigaux, and Janice Irwin. If you would like to be part of the President's List, just let me know!

Every year we encourage members of the Conservative Party in Langley to get involved in the EDA meetings, the Annual General Meeting, special events announced via newsletters and email, committees and community parades and festivals. Those who come out to events are encouraged to get as involved as they wish by participating at any level they choose. We are all very well served by our volunteers and our supporters. We thank them for their involvement and strong participation in this democratic organization.

Pam Milburn, EDA President.

***Were you a volunteer in
the 2011 Election
or with the EDA?***

***Our Volunteer Appreciation
Dinner will be held on
Saturday June 25th!***

***Please call 604-534-1160 to
make sure you are on the
list of invitees!***

News from our MP Mark Warawa



Langley MP Mark Warawa celebrates with friends and supporters at his campaign headquarters on election night, Monday, May 2.

Thank you, Langley!

*for the confidence you have shown
in me! I look forward to
continuing to represent you in
Ottawa and here in Langley."*



Parliament is back to work on June 2nd, with much to do! Because of the hard work of thousands of volunteers across our great country, Canada now has a majority Conservative Government and will have a Conservative Speaker. This is very good for Canada.

I have been busy preparing for our new Parliament and have a lot of priorities to work on, with justice issues at the top of the list. I also will be working on fixing the medical marijuana grow-op issue, getting a new building at the Aldergrove Border crossing, working on democratic reform and continuing the economic recovery. These are exciting times!

Thank you again to everyone who helped me during the election. Canada has a bright future because of your hard work.

Mark

2011 EDA Calendar of Events

- June 1** Executive Meeting
- June 8** Delegates travel to Ottawa
- June 9 to 11** Conference in Ottawa
- June 12** Delegates return to Langley
- June 22** Board Meeting
- June 29** set up Canada Days
- June 30 and July 1** Canada Days
- July 2** take down Canada Days
- Aug ?** BBQ at Senator Gerry St Germain's ranch (TBA)
- Sept 7** Executive Meeting
- Sept 21** Board Meeting
- Oct 12** Executive Meeting
- Oct 19** Mailing of fall newsletter and fundraising letter
- Nov 9** Executive 7:00; Board 8:00
- Nov 26** Special Event fund raiser
- Dec 7** Executive Meeting
- Dec 17** 2 - 4pm Blue Christmas at TWU;
7 - 9pm EDA Christmas Gathering
- Dec 18** *Gift of Christmas* Free Concert at Chief Sepass Theatre in Fort Langley
- Dec 21** Board Meeting
- Week of Jan 6 to 13** AGM notices mailed, emailed, demon dialer
- Jan 11** Executive (AGM nominations)
- Jan 28** 1 - 4pm AGM and first Board Meeting of newly elected 2012 EDA Board



Convention Bound!

The Langley Delegates to the Conservative Party of Canada Conference that runs from June 8th to the 11th in Ottawa are: Linda Bellamy, Policy and Constitution Committee Chair; John Burns, VP and Events Chair; Nazreen Burns; John Hof, Help Fund Chair; Suzanne Hof; Gerry Lamb, Financial Officer; Pam Milburn, President; Ursula Neuscheler, Fund Raising Chair; Elizabeth Pratt, Youth Delegate; James Pratt, VP; Steve Schafer; and MP Mark Warawa. The Delegates help to select changes to the party constitution and policy declaration. The Delegates also attend workshops to learn about best practices and new management systems. The working conference is very intense and involves considerable time, effort and financial commitment from each delegate.

*The Langley Conservative EDA cannot give valuable service to our party, our community and our country without **committed volunteers like you!** If you are interested in working, playing, studying and, yes, laughing along with these people, please contact us, (604-534-1160/ info@langleyconservatives.ca) and we will match you up with appropriate volunteer activities throughout the year. We are always happy to welcome volunteers and supporters to our events in Langley and the surrounding areas. —Prez Pam*



**Help us go paperless....
get this newsletter by email!**

Email us at info@langleyconservatives.ca with your email address, and we will send you email updates about local events, activities and political happenings as well as this *fabulous* newsletter!

Stay up to date with Conservative news in Langley and across Canada!

Stay Informed with Menno!

Receive hot off the press Conservative and Canadian political news sent by our local CPC National Councillor, Menno Froese! Add your name to the mailing list by emailing Menno at mpfroese@shaw.ca

Add this to your favourites:
our website

www.langleyconservatives.ca

Well, You Can't Take it With You..

Frustrated with the spending limits on political donations?

Please consider that EDAs can receive donations of unlimited size through **bequests**. One EDA recently received \$25,000 which helped pay for much of the last election in that riding.

Our New Conservative Office is Now Open!

Langley MP Mark Warawa helped to open the new Conservative Party office in Langley - located at #108-5735 203rd Street, behind Gabby's. Volunteer opportunities are available at the office, from home, or by helping us at special events. Call the office at 604-534-1160



Conservative Youth in Action!

Many university students and other young people have been involved in Conservative events in Langley this year. We are connecting with youth clubs in the region, and have hosted events geared for students, such as movie and pizza nights, holding panel discussions. We are also planning to host a model Cabinet or model First Ministers event for high school students.