



Affiliate recognition

Congratulations to two of the Society's affiliate members who were recognized at the 2016 Governor's Awards Gala for outstanding contributions in their communities.

The **Town of Richmond Hill** earned the David Pretty Cup for the twelfth time in 2016. The Cup, instituted in 1981 and named in honour of a former Society governor, is awarded to the affiliate member with the largest lifesaving program in a community of 100,000 to 250,000 people. The key to Richmond Hill's success is its ability to coordinate the community's leadership needs, which it does by offering a wide range of programming from prep courses and re-exams to leadership programming and advanced courses for staff. The result sees individuals who are engaged, focused and continuing to grow as lifesavers in their communities.

The Darnell Cup is awarded to the affiliate that raises the most money for drowning prevention. In the overall category **Pool People Limited (PPL) Aquatic, Fitness and Spa Group Inc.** has won seven times since 2009. PPL consistently involves its staff in fundraising efforts including its annual swim-a-thon in which staff collect pledges that PPL matches. This is a great example of involving staff and community to raise drowning prevention awareness.

Ontario AGM

The 108th Ontario Annual General Meeting of the Lifesaving Society will be held Friday April 21, 2017 at the Holiday Inn – Toronto International Airport Hotel – 970 Dixon Road, Toronto, Ontario in the Trillium Ballroom. Members and friends of the Society including instructors, examiners and affiliate representatives are cordially invited to attend

Ontario and Canadian Championships

Ontario hosts seven provincial and two Canadian lifesaving sport championships in 2017. Details, registration packages, and Officials interest forms are found on our website in [Lifesaving Sport/Competition](#).

We are looking for hosts for 2018–2020 championships. Contact Lifesaving Sport Director [Lorraine Wilson-Saliba](#) for more information on these opportunities.

April Pools Day

The Society's **10th annual April Pools Day** takes place throughout April and is a great opportunity for affiliates to promote water safety and raise money for drowning prevention. [For more info visit our Events page](#). It's not too late to register to host an event. For a registration form and tool kit, email fundraising@lifeguarding.com or call Laurie Priestman at 416.490.8844.

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Bronze Instructional Resources

Lifesaving instructors have a wealth of teaching resources at their fingertips to deliver the Bronze awards. Need a PowerPoint presentation, class agenda or a lesson plan? Then check out the Bronze Medallion or Bronze Cross CD.

Or choose one of seven video clips with real Bronze candidates showcasing lifesaving skills and techniques on the Bronze Awards Video available on USB memory stick or disc.

Perhaps your class of Bronze candidates would like to learn and review knowledge in the Bronze Medallion or Bronze Cross workbooks, which focus on learning and providing tips for success to reinforce key principles and concepts.

Use the full suite of these instructional resources to help lead and inspire the next generation of lifesavers. Visit lifeguarddepot.com or [watch the trailers on our YouTube channel](#).



July 16-22, 2017

National Drowning Prevention Week

LIFESAVING SOCIETY

Insurance for Canada's lifeguards

The Lifesaving Society Canada, in partnership with HUB International, introduces a comprehensive professional liability insurance program available only to Lifesaving Society members who hold National Lifeguard certification.

This insurance coverage provides professional liability and general liability insurance for instructors, trainers and lifeguards who are teaching any Lifesaving Society course or providing safety supervision in Canada.

This coverage will be of interest to those who need insurance to access rental agreements, to deliver Lifesaving Society programs independently from an employer (e.g., backyard pool lessons, canoe trip supervision), or to those who seek additional insurance protection to support their career.

HUB International brokers this program, underwritten by Encon Group Inc., for all certified National Lifeguards. To apply you must be a Canadian citizen, at least 18 years of age, and hold a current Lifesaving Society Canada National Lifeguard certification – current means within 24 months of the date of your last (re)-certification.

[For details visit the website.](#)

Two new Lifesaving Sport resources for officials

The new *Canadian Officials Manual* is the required technical reference manual for candidates on courses in the Canadian Lifesaving Sport Officials Certification program. Its companion – the *Officials Award Guide* – outlines item descriptions, purpose statements and performance requirements for each of the five certifications in the program. Together, these references help Lifesaving Sport Officials Instructors to plan, teach and evaluate all courses in the program.

Visit lifeguarddepot.com to get your *Officials Award Guide* and *Canadian Officials Manual*.

Updated test sheets for each of the five certifications in the program are located in Find a Form on our website. For more information contact Lifesaving Sport Director Lorraine Wilson-Saliba.



When you get involved you help save lives!

Your community is an important partner in our mission to educate and keep Ontarians safe in, on and around water. This spring and summer, get involved:

- Tenth annual Lifesaving Society April Pools Day, April 1–30
- Ninth annual Lifesaving Society 500 Metre Swim for 500 Lives, during National Drowning Prevention Week July 16–23
- Ninth annual Lifesaving Society Rescue Tube Relay, July 16–23, hosted by the Town of Oakville.

For more info [visit our Events page](#)
or email fundraising@lifeguarding.com
or contact Laurie Priestman at 416.490.8844.

Healthy Pools Symposium

The Lifesaving Society hosts the Symposium on the Design and Operation of Healthy Swimming Pools on May 3 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Society's headquarters in Toronto at 400 Consumers Rd.

This symposium brings together experts from the U.S. and Canada to discuss the most up-to-date information on the design and operation of healthy, safe swimming pools. If you're a pool operator, environmental engineer, construction supervisor, architect or aquatic supervisory staff, this symposium is for you.

Registration is \$175 (includes HST) and includes a light lunch. Contact Ann Palmer at annp@lifeguarding.com or call 416.490.8844 to register. Space is limited to 50 people, so register today.

It's a snap!

Lifesaving Society Snappy towels go from beach towel, to cape, to hooded towel in a snap! And the purchase of every towel covers the cost of one child's Swim to Survive Plus training. So you get a cool towel and you directly impact and support our drowning prevention mission. Buy your Snappy Towel online at lifeguarddepot.com for \$30 (includes tax). Supplies are limited so order today.



Blake Kazan-Tang enjoying her Snappy Towel
Photo by Heather Kazan

Making the Swim to Survive School Grant program work

Learning how to survive an unexpected fall into deep water is an important step in preventing drowning. That's why we created Swim to Survive. But every community in Ontario is unique, and to make the Swim to Survive School Grant program work, everyone approaches it a little differently and sometimes, gets creative.

- The Town of Hearst and Saugeen Shores both convinced their local power corporations to sponsor the program. Power corporations love to support safety-related causes like Swim to Survive.
- 12 affiliates have asked their local transportation companies for discounted Swim to Survive rates, or donations of one or more bus trips – all of their requests were granted.
- 22 Ontario school boards generously sponsored a portion of the costs; a majority of pools donate their pool permit fees and eight affiliates donate a portion of their instructor costs.

The bottom line is that many businesses and institutions recognize the importance of Swim to Survive and want to help. So why not ask? You might be pleasantly surprised. [For more information visit our website](http://lifeguarding.com) or email sindyp@lifeguarding.com.

World Conference on Drowning Prevention 2017

The Lifesaving Society Canada hosts the WCDP 2017 in Vancouver from October 17 to 19. This International Life Saving Federation conference brings together the world's foremost experts on research, systems and information on drowning prevention, rescue, lifesaving and water safety.



Share Globally, Prevent Locally

The themes of WCDP 2017 (prevention, data, rescue, disaster, medical, education and partnerships) reflect the challenges of reducing the burden of drowning in all communities, nations and regions of the world. WCDP 2017 is also an opportunity to report on the progress made on the 10 actions to prevent drowning as outlined in the 2014 World Health Organization's *Global Report on Drowning*.

Join us in Vancouver. Be part of the solution to address this highly preventable public health challenge. Visit www.wcdp2017.org for more information. Early-bird registration deadline is June 16, 2017.



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