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ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO: T.M.T.A. London Region P.O. Box 25002 London Ontario N6C 6A8 or mail@tmtalondon.ca January 13, 2015 General Membership meeting to be held at the **Fanshawe College Transportation Building, 1764 Oxford Street East.** Our sponsor will be the

Workforce Planning and Development Board

Meet and greet at 6:00 pm, followed by our general meeting at 7 pm

ASSOCIATE SPONSORS

This is only a partial list of the sponsors for the evening. Please let us know if we missed you and we will add your company to our list for the next newsletter.

Thank you **Tubby's Truck, Trailer and Tire** Service for the donation of 12 turkeys, donations of gift cards from **Tirecraft**, sponsorship from **Groenveld–Group**, tools from **Partsmaster**, great products from **Krown** and the wonderful Scentsy prize from our member **Christina Mcleod**

ASSOCIATE NEWS

More great news for 2015. We have confirmed sponsors for meetings until April 2015. We have been working hard to give our sponsors and associates more options and choices when they are hosting a meeting and they are rising to the occasion. Please get in touch with Barrie or Stan to reserve the date your company would like to hold a meeting soon.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"Character is an essential tendency. It can be covered up, it can be messed with, it can be screwed around with, but it can't be ultimately changed. It's the structure of our bones, the blood that runs through our veins." Sam Shepard



Wow what an amazing ladies night!! To start with we had to bring in more tables for all the members and guest that attended. We had over 80 people for the evening and had a very full schedule. First we started off with an exceptional meal that was made to perfection by the Lamplighter. We then presented a plaque to Phil Schnurr of **IMT** (**Ingersoll Axle**) for their sponsorship. Phil talked about **IMT** and how they would love to have us back sometime. It is such a great facility and the way they work with their employees should be a model to all manufacturing factories everywhere..

Next we moved onto the presentation of our Life Member Award to Gerhard Gedies. Rod Cameron and Rob Gorrie of Fanshawe College asked to say a few words on many of the accomplishments that Gerhard has completed in his career. The impressive list was too great to for us to capture in the newsletter and many of us were surprised how many of his deeds have influenced our trade and our community. Congratulations Gerhard and thank you for your dedication and hard work.

Our final presentation for the evening was put on by our guest speakers from **Ontario College of Trades** (OCOT). Rottena Sparks and John Poirier were invited to give us details about **OCOT** and how they are dealing with their new responsibilities. They are working hard to legalize shops and workers and gave us information on how we can add our voice to the college. If you are interested in representing the **TMTA London Region** on the OCOT panel then talk to an executive for details.

Our final task of the evening was giving out the many gifts that were donated from or sponsors. Thank you to everyone for a great evening.

Our Charity for 2014

We had the pleasure to welcome Charlene Spector, Regional Manager of Grey-Bruce & Niagara Regions to accept our donation for ALS Canada. We were excited that with the help of everyone, our association was able to raise over \$1300 for the ALS. As an extra supporter of the fight against ALS, Christina Mcleod is donating all the proceeds from her November and December Scentsy sales to the ALS Society of Canada. With optimism we look forward to the day that this terrible disease is eradicated and ends the suffering for everyone.

Thank you Charlene, Christina and everyone for the support you have shown.

LOCATION NEWS

We have also added **Fanshawe College** as a meeting location option. The facility is amazing and members enjoy the atmosphere. We have many options to assist sponsors and are happy to help. We are excited that our membership list is still growing and we have added more associates also. We will be back to the **Lamplighter** for our February Meeting.

MEMBER NEWS

Please watch for your 2015 membership invoices and update any personal information on the form. We have also added an option for you to pay by credit card if you prefer. Thank you and see you December 9th.

Next Directors' Meeting

January 27th <u>General Meeting Reminder</u> Scheduled for 2nd Tuesday of each month except for the summer months