

# *Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers*

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## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **IN MEMORIAM - JIM WHITSON**

Jim Whitson, Vice-Chairman of the Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers for the past two years and District 1 provincial director for the past five years, passed away suddenly at his home on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Jim was a strong leader in the processing vegetable industry serving as Chairman of the Ontario Tomato Research Institute for two years, on negotiating committees for tomatoes and cucumbers, as well as some of the smaller crops such as cauliflower, beets, pumpkin and squash.

Jim was also Chairman of this years Processing Vegetable Industry Conference. Jim worked diligently in this role and, in particular, on the auction used to raise funds for student bursaries in agriculture and food related areas. In this regard, Jim's family requested that donations be made in favour of the Ontario Processing Vegetable Industry Scholarship Fund in his memory. We know Jim would have been pleased with this request. Anyone interested in making a donation should make cheques payable to the Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers in favour of the scholarship fund.

Jim was a strong supporter of agriculture and the processing vegetable industry. The directors and staff of the OPVG extend their sincere sympathy to the entire Whitson family. Jim's presence will be missed tremendously.

Based on a recommendation from District 1 the OPVG board of directors has appointed Mark Delanghe as the new provincial director from District 1, effective immediately.

Mark is from Wallaceburg, Ontario and is a sweet corn grower for Kraft Canada and a tomato grower for Sun-Brite Canning. Mark has also been a provincial director in the past, having served on the board from 1995 to 2000. We look forward to working with Mark over the coming months.

### **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

*Ontario Processing Vegetable Industry Conference*

**January 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

**Hilton Hotel and Convention Centre**

**London, Ontario**