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## SOUTH EAST LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK

Listed below are the backgrounds of the new board members selected for the South East Local Health Integration Network.

### **John Groves**

John Groves worked as a Foreign Service officer for the Department of External Affairs, (now Foreign Affairs) from 1967 to 1996. He served abroad in Berlin, Bonn and Dar es Salaam. His assignments included periods as director of international energy policy, director of foreign service benefits and director of locally engaged staff. Other assignments with the federal government included positions at the Department of Energy, Mines & Resources; National Health & Welfare; economic adviser to the Northern Pipeline Agency; and director of Trade & Tourism for Nova Scotia. Groves devotes much of his present time to community work including The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, Meals on Wheels, Community Alpha and Loaves and Fishes. He is a warden of the Anglican Parish of St. Lawrence and is involved in many outreach liturgical and organizational facets of parish life.

### **Gaye McGinn**

Gaye McGinn has worked in the fields of health care aid, dental assisting, real estate and was a business entrepreneur. Her main focus has always been on customer service and satisfaction. In 1986-87, McGinn returned to school, and graduated in the legal administrative course at the Toronto School of Business and went on to become the vice-principal of the Toronto School of Business in Oshawa. As a team member working with the directors, the principal and other administrative staff, McGinn helped develop operational procedures, curriculum, and performance standards. She was also in charge of compiling reports for financial analyses, and maintaining an archive of all school records. McGinn has served on many volunteer boards over the years, and most recently was part of the driving force in establishing a Bereavement Support Group under Hospice North Hastings. She is a trained bereavement facilitator.

### **Balmukund Patel**

Balmukund Patel has been the owner of Balu's Pharmacy in Stirling since 1993. Prior to this, he was pharmacy manager of Boots the Chemists in Chatham; co-owner of Village Square Pharmacy in Scarborough; and owner-associate of Shoppers Drug Mart in Keswick. Patel earned his Bachelor of Pharmacy degree in 1977 at the University of Bath in England. He is president of Quinte Area Pharmacists' Association, board member of the Diabetes Education Centre and organizes the annual Quinte Area Pharmacists' Charity Golf Tournament.

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