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Dinner committee chairman Sheldon Ehrenworth, founder of Public Policy Forum, with Sherri Mandell.



Susan Peterson d'Aquino, associate deputy minister, Department of Canadian Heritage.



Honouree Tom d'Aquino, president and CEO, Canadian Council of Chief Executives, with Heather MacTaggart, executive director, Classroom Connections.

Connecting with Canada's power elite

Blue-ribbon bunch put their time to good youth



types and educational leaders came together to honour d'Aquino for his leadership and dedication to Canada and Canadian public policy.

"For the last 25 years, Tom has led Canada's premier business organization composed of the CEOs of the country's 150 biggest companies, a role that has made him a singularly influential player on a wide range of national policy issues," enthused **Heather MacTaggart**, executive director of Classroom Connections. "In particular, Tom was a key figure in promoting the 1988 free-trade agreement with the U.S. and later the



Hon. Margaret Norrie McCain.



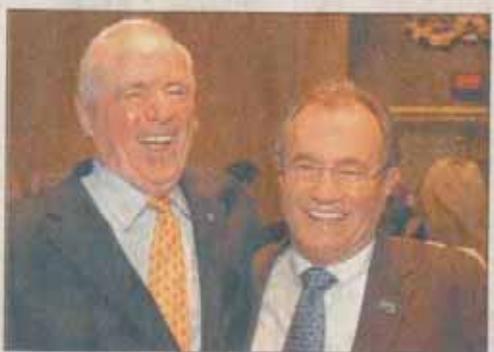
Suzanne Anderson, director of programming, Classroom Connections.



Former premier of Ontario, Mike Harris.



Blake Goldring, president and CEO, AGF



Charlie Coffey, Royal Bank executive vice-president and chair of Classroom

All eyes were on **Tom d'Aquino**, president and CEO of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives (as well as a lawyer, entrepreneur, author, educator and strategist), as he was recently honoured by Classroom Connections at the Fairmont Royal York in downtown Toronto.

The non-profit organization creates and distributes teaching material meant to encourage societal change and tolerance through educating youth. Issues the organization hopes to raise youth awareness, such as poverty and how to reduce it, and fair trade for developing countries, are generally missing from the usual classroom textbooks.

Co-chaired by **Carol Stephenson**, dean of the Richard Ivey School of Business, **Dominic D'Alessandro**, president and CEO of Manulife Financial, and boasting **Margaret Norrie McCain** as Honourary Patron, the dinner definitely ranked as one of the corporate events of the year. A high-powered assortment of business

The head table included an interesting mix of blue-ribbon elite such as **Scott Hand**, chairman and CEO, Inco Limited; **Buzz Hargrove**, president, Canadian Auto Workers Union; **Timothy J. Hearn**, chairman, president and CEO, Imperial Oil Limited; **Jessica LeCroy**, U.S. Consul General; **Ron Mannix**, Coril Holdings; **Ted Newall**, director and chairman of Nova Corporation; **Henri-Paul Rousseau**, president and CEO, Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec; **Hugh Segal**, president, Institute for Research on Public Policy; **Harry R. Steele**, O.C., chairman, Newfoundland Capital Corporation; **Don Tapscott**, president, New Paradigm Learning Corporation; **Gail Anderson**, executive director, Ontario Public School Board Association; **Charlie Coffey**, executive vice-president, government and community affairs, Royal Bank Financial Group; and **Maria Teresa Garcia-Segovia**, Mexico's Ambassador to Canada.

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Sheila MacTaggart with Bill Neill, president and CEO, Magnifoam Technology International.



Araz Najarian and Dick Wilson, EnCana Corporation.



Monsignor Massman, St. Paul's Basilica, with Michael Fury, special projects advisor, Classroom Connections (and president, Watts for Kids).



Event co-chair Dominic D'Alessandro, president and CEO, Manulife Financial, with wife, Pearl.