



**Stephen Leacock
Associates**

MEDIA RELEASE

For immediate release (May 15, 2017 – Orillia, ON) –

2018 Stephen Leacock Ontario High School Students Humorous Short Story Competition

We are delighted to announce and congratulate the winners of the Stephen Leacock High School Students Humorous Short Story Competition. The annual contest is open to High School Students currently enrolled in Ontario.

Here are the winners:

First Prize: **Atara Juroviesky** for “G.R.A.M.M.A.R.”
Tiferes Bais Yaakov School, North York

Second Prize: **Sydney Force** for “McMission Impossible”
College Avenue Secondary School, Woodstock

Third Prize: **Naama Weingarten** for “The Zoo”
Stephen Lewis Secondary School, Thornhill

The prizes are: First Prize \$1,000, Second Prize \$700, Third Prize \$300.

Other Finalists (in alphabetical order):

- Liam Beaulne for “In Search of the Elusive Hotdog”
Hammarsjold High School, Thunder Bay
- Charlotte Johnson for “In the Land of Mushroom Clouds”
Hammarsjold High School, Thunder Bay
- Billy Mott, for “Get Off My Case”
South Carlton High School, Ottawa
- Ben Wrixon, for “Bowling for Redemption”
Aldershot High School, Burlington

Commenting on this year’s competition, Registrar Christine Spear said, “What was striking about this year’s competition was the diversity of humour used by the students. There was satire, always popular with this contest. But then we also saw one-line zingers, slapstick, whimsy and even comedy noir. Then, as in most years, there were some beautifully written pieces but not funny. We wished another type of contest for them.”

We thank sponsor Thor Motors, Orillia for their generous contribution to the cash prizes.



**Stephen Leacock
Associates**

MEDIA RELEASE

Stephen Leacock Associates

Established in 1947, the board of the Stephen Leacock Associates works to preserve the literary legacy of Stephen Leacock, oversee the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour award and encourage the growth of Canadian humour writing.

The prestigious Memorial Medal, accompanied by a \$15,000 is awarded annually for the best in Canadian literary humour. The award has attained an international reputation and is the only one of its kind for Canadian humour writing.

The board also administers an annual Student Award for humour writing to encourage young writers. Visit our website at www.leacock.ca

-30-

Stephen Davids
VP & Board Member/Publicity
Stephen Leacock Associates
705-955-2262
stephen@sdavids.com

Alex Andrews
Board Member/Publicity
Stephen Leacock Associates
705-955-1865
andrewsakl@outlook.com