



# CO-OPALOOZA

*CELEBRATING COMMUNITY, CO-OPERATIVES & CYL'S 50TH*

## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **Gay Lea Dairy Museum to Honour the Late Mauril Bélanger at Co-opalooza Event**

Gay Lea Foods is hosting the second annual Co-opalooza event at the Gay Lea Dairy Museum. This year, Co-opalooza is celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ontario Co-operative Association's Co-operative Young Leader's Program and will officially name the inaugural building of a planned Co-operative Education Centre. The Museum will bestow this honour on the late Liberal MP Mauril Bélanger, with the blessing and participation of Catherine Bélanger.

- What:** Highlighting co-operatives and their benefits to local communities, celebrating 50 years of fostering co-operative young leaders and the official naming of the proposed Co-operative Education Centre's first completed "cabin" in honour of co-operative champion the late Mauril Bélanger.
- Who:** Catherine Bélanger, wife of the late Mauril Bélanger  
Karen Vecchio, Member of Parliament (Elgin-Middlesex-London)
- When:** Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.
- Where:** Gay Lea Dairy Museum  
48075 Jamestown Line, R.R. #2 Aylmer, ON
- Why:** In recognition of the long-time and heartfelt support the late Mauril Bélanger provided throughout his career to co-operatives, and laying the groundwork for future co-operative leaders to succeed.

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