

DEBORAH (JONES) WHALE

Deborah Whale, daughter of George and Thelma Jones, graduated from G.C.V.I. in 1965. While here, she was the literary editor of Acta Nostra, a sub-editor of Green Door and a member of the glee club and the science club. She then went on to study Political Science and English at Queens University. After graduation, she spent two years teaching in Thailand. She has travelled or worked in twenty-seven countries and plans to visit at least twenty-seven more.

Whale, who believes in doing everything to the best of her ability, has accomplished many things. Since 1974, she has been the Vice President and Co-owner/operator of Clovermead Farms Inc., a 250-acre dairy and poultry operation in Alma, Ontario. She has invested twenty-five years of hard work into building this huge operation which functions on the leading edge of agricultural technology. Deborah Whale was the first female to sit on many agricultural boards and committees and has been the chair of the following organizations: the Technology Restructuring Committee for the Wellington County Board of Education, the Agriculture Research Institute of Ontario, the Guard Inc., an agricultural investment committee, VIDO, and the Research Committee for the Poultry Industry Council. Since 1996, she has been the Director of the Poultry Industry Centre in the Wellington Federation of Agriculture. She continually works to encourage, promote and develop agriculture in Canada. In 1996, Deborah Whale was chosen for the first Woman of Distinction Award in Wellington County for the field of Science and Technology. For many years, she worked hard with parents and teachers across Canada to create the opportunity for Canadian children to be bilingual. Now, there are French-immersion programs for children throughout Canada and both Deborah Whale's sons speak fluent French. Canada's education system and multi-cultural society have grown stronger through her hard work and perseverance.

When she gets a break from work, she enjoys skiing, canoeing and biking. In her travels, she has bungee-jumped and clung to mountain peaks. She is married and the proud mother of two outstanding sons, Corb and Tyler. Deborah Whale is an achiever, a feminist, an explorer, and leader and a loving mother.

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