

GALLANT, JOHN STANLEY “SONNY,” businessman; b. 27 March 1956 in Summerside, son of Joseph Stanley Gallant and Mary Shirley Martina Perry; m. 20 September 1980 Linda Jane Dalton, and they have three children, Christopher John, Nicholas Stanley and Jonathan Vance; Roman Catholic.

Gallant, a Liberal, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in the 28 May 2007 general election representing District 24 Evangeline-Miscouche. He was re-elected in the 3 October 2011 and 4 May 2015 general elections. He ran unsuccessfully in the 29 September 2003 general election. He was appointed Government House Leader on 13 January 2010 and reappointed to this position after the 2011 general election. Gallant was appointed deputy speaker under the Wade MacLauchlan† administration. He resigned the position as deputy speaker on 15 November 2016. He also served as Government House Leader for a period of time under the MacLauchlan administration. He has served on a variety of standing committees dealing with Legislative Management; community and intergovernmental affairs; health, social development and seniors; Public Accounts; community affairs and economic development; education and economic development; infrastructure and energy; rules, regulations, private bills and privileges; communities, land and environment; and agriculture and fisheries. Gallant also served as the chair of the special committee on committees and fisheries, transportation and rural development. In February 2017, Gallant was appointed Minister of Workforce and Advanced Learning replacing Richard Brown• following a Cabinet shuffle.

Raised in Miscouche, Gallant attended Miscouche Elementary and graduated from Miscouche Regional High School in 1976. He and his wife, Linda, operated a retail gas and convenience store with Irving Oil for 19 years, as well as owning and operating Scooter’s Dairy Bar & Take-out Inc. since 2001. Before becoming an MLA, Gallant was involved in municipal politics for 16 years, six as chairperson for Miscouche Community Council.

Gallant has served his community in many ways such as being a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 18 and director of the Miscouche Legion Senior Citizens Home. He is a former director of the Acadian Purchase Trust and served on the board of the Prince Edward Island Federation of Municipalities. Gallant also coached minor baseball and hockey for many years and was a Beaver leader with the Scout Movement.

Gallant and his wife reside in Miscouche. Linda Gallant grew up in St. Lawrence and is the daughter of Desmond William Dalton and Mary Jane Morse of Miscouche.

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GHIZ, HONOURABLE ROBERT WATSON JOSEPH, political advisor, manager; b. 21 January 1974, son of Joseph Atallah Ghiz* and Rose Ellen McGowan; m. 17 June 2006 Katherine Jean MacKay Ellis, and they have three children, Julia Elizabeth, Emma Christena and Jack Joseph Gordon; Christian.

Ghiz, a Liberal, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in the 29 September 2003 general election for District 13 Charlottetown-Rochford Square. He went on to win the new District 13 Charlottetown-Brighton seat in the 28 May 2007 and the 3 October 2011 general elections. In

April 2003, Ghiz narrowly defeated Alan Buchanan• to gain leadership of the provincial Liberal party. Following that year's election, he served as Leader of the Opposition. After leading his party to a 23-seat victory, on 12 June 2007, Ghiz was sworn in as the 31st premier of Prince Edward Island at the age of 33. In 2011, Ghiz again led the Liberals to a majority government winning 22 seats. He resigned his seat in November 2014.

While in office, not only did Ghiz serve as Premier, he also served as Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Affairs, Minister Responsible for Acadian and Francophone Affairs and Minister Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs. Ghiz was also an ex-officio member of the Treasury Board, the Operations Committee and the Policy Board.

Following his resignation, Ghiz has spent most of his time doing charity work including organizing fundraiser dinners for veterans and working with the Prince's Charities of Canada. He also spent time doing consulting work in Toronto. Ghiz joined the board of Medavie Blue Cross in September 2016. He also serves as the senior business advisor at Gowling WLG and on the boards of Ducks Unlimited and True Patriot Love Foundation. In November 2016, Ghiz was appointed as the new president and CEO of the main lobby group for the wireless industry in Canada, Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association (CWTA) effective 1 January 2017, taking over the position from former New Brunswick premier Bernard Lord.

Ghiz comes from a political family as his father, Joseph Ghiz*, was the 27th premier of the province and served in the Legislative Assembly from 1982 to 1996. Ghiz's grandfather, Douglas McGowan*, was a Progressive Conservative MLA serving the province from 1959 to 1966. McGowan's brother, Neil Murdock McGowan*, also a Progressive Conservative, served as an MLA from 1943 to 1947. Ghiz and his father are the second father-son duo to hold the title of premier on Prince Edward Island. Liberals Thane Campbell* and Alexander Campbell• were the first to hold that distinction.

Growing up in Charlottetown, Ghiz received his education at West Kent Elementary and Queen Charlotte Intermediate High School before graduating from Colonel Gray High School in 1992. While attending high school, he served in the Canadian Forces Primary Reserves. In 1996, Ghiz graduated from Bishop's University with a Bachelor of Arts majoring in political studies. Ghiz went on to become a special Atlantic Canadian assistant to Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and the Minister of Canadian Heritage, Sheila Copps. He was also employed as the manager of Government Affairs for the Bank of Nova Scotia in Ottawa from 1998 to 2001.

Dr. Kate Ellis Ghiz was born 15 August 1979 and is the daughter of Irwin Walter Ellis and Carole Jean MacKay of Charlottetown.

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GILLAN, CHESTER, teacher, realtor; b. 25 September 1943 in Charlottetown, son of Joseph Gillan of Peakes and Marion McCarthy of Morell; m. Fran Clinton, and they have two children, Jennifer and Alana; Roman Catholic.

Gillan, a Progressive Conservative, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly to represent District 11 Parkdale-Belvedere in the general election of 18 November 1996. He was re-elected on

17 April 2000 and again on 29 September 2003. He served as Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister of Education, Minister of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Environment, and Minister of Health and Social Services and Seniors, a position he held until 2007. In that year's general election, Gillan lost to Liberal Robert Mitchell† in the newly created District of Charlottetown-Sherwood.

Following his political career, Gillan spent time as Progressive Conservative Leader Olive Crane's† chief of staff from October 2010 into 2011.

He graduated from the University of New Brunswick with a Bachelor of Education and Master of Education, as well as a Bachelor of Arts from Saint Dunstan's University. He taught high school in Charlottetown for 29 years and has worked as a summer school lecturer with the University of New Brunswick and UPEI.

Gillan is past president of the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment, served as chair of the Council of Ministers of Education of Canada from 1996 to 1997, and is a charter member of the Canadian Environmental Education Association. Gillan has also served as a director for Island Nature Trust, was chair for the volunteer committee of the 1996 East Coast Music Awards and served as national vice-chair of the Small Craft Safety Division of the Red Cross Society from 1985 to 1988.

A sports enthusiast, Gillan is a past director and charter member of the Canadian Recreational Canoeing Association, the PEI Canoeing Association and the PEI Alpine Ski Association. He was involved with the 1991 Canada Winter Games as a member of the board of management and vice-president of the Human Resources Division.

Gillan and his wife Fran live in Charlottetown. Fran was born on 29 July 1942 in Souris.

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GREENAN, LEONARD "GERARD," educator; b. 17 February 1950 in Charlottetown, son of Ronald Joseph Greenan and Mary Catherine Flood; m. 17 August 1974 Elizabeth Anne Nicholson, and they have two children, Jonathan Bruce and Mark Gerard; Roman Catholic.

Greenan, a Liberal, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in the 28 May 2007 general election for District 22 Summerside-St. Eleanors, after he ran unsuccessfully in the 29 September 2003 general election. He was re-elected in the 3 October 2011 general election. On 12 June 2007, he was named Minister of Education and Attorney General. The portfolio was renamed Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development and Attorney General on 3 April 2008. On 12 January 2010, Greenan returned to private member status. He has served on several committees including health, social development and seniors; community and intergovernmental affairs; Public Accounts; and chair of education and innovation. Greenan did not reoffer in the spring 2015 general election. In April 2017, Greenan was appointed chair of the Order of PEI Advisory Council.

He received his early education at Queen Square and Birchwood schools, graduating from Saint Dunstan's High School in 1967. In 1971, he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from UPEI where he studied history and psychology. Two years later, he graduated from UPEI with his Bachelor of Education. Greenan continued his studies at Acadia University earning his Master of Education in counselling in 1991. The following year, he completed his post-graduate studies in school administration at Saint Mary's University. Greenan spent 32 years as an educator with the Western School Board, retiring in June 2005. He was a teacher, school counsellor, vice-principal at Summerside Intermediate School and principal at Amherst Cove Consolidated School.

Greenan is a life member of the Silver Fox Curling Club and Summerside Curling and Yacht Club. He is the Eucharist minister at St. Paul's Church and a member of the bereavement team with East Prince Hospice. He is also involved with the Rotary Club of Summerside, the United Way, Generation XX, the Summerside Housing Authority and the Summerside Community Choir. Greenan has travelled extensively, touring Canada and the United States as well as Europe, Australia and portions of Asia.

Greenan resides with his wife in Summerside. Elizabeth Greenan is the daughter of Donald B. Nicholson and Isabella Nicholson of Summerside.

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GUPTILL, NANCY EVELYN, radiotherapist and radiotherapy instructor; b. 28 April 1941 in Halifax, daughter of Lloyd Garrison and Evelyn Hughes; m. 23 May 1964 to Laurence Roy Gregg Guptill, and they have three children, Krista Evelyn, Nancy Elizabeth and Peggy Elaine; Anglican.

Guptill, a Liberal, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in a by-election held 14 September 1987 for 5th Prince following the resignation of Peter Pope•. She was re-elected in the general elections of 1989 and 1993. In the general election of 1996, Guptill was elected in the new electoral district of St. Eleanors-Summerside. From 1989 to 1991, she served as Minister of Tourism and Parks. On 14 November 1991, Guptill was appointed Minister of Labour, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women and Minister Responsible for Human Rights in Prince Edward Island. She served in these positions until 15 April 1993. Following the general election of 1993, Guptill was elected speaker of the Legislative Assembly, a position in which she served until the general election of 1996.

After the Liberals' defeat in the 1996 general election, Guptill became opposition critic for health and social services, and became well known for her frequent verbal sparring with health minister Mildred Dover†. During her time in the Legislature, Guptill served on several committees including privileges, rules and private bills; social development; and the special committee on the Constitution of Canada. She resigned her seat in the Legislature on 14 September 1999. On 1 January 2008, she was named chair of the province's Workers' Compensation Board.

Before entering provincial politics, Guptill served terms with Summerside Town Council in 1982 and 1985. She has spent time as a member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, and as president and chair of the Women's Commonwealth Parliamentary Group. She also chaired the PEI Legislature Terrorism Investigation, and represented the Island on the Canadian Region Parliamentary Association and the CPA Small Countries Association as a Democracy Transition Advisor at the personal invitation of Nelson Mandela and the South African Government. Guptill was responsible for Prince Edward Island joining the Assembly of French-speaking Parliamentarians (APF) and was later named the Island chapter's honorary president.

Growing up in Halifax, Guptill attended Ardmere Elementary and Westmount Elementary before moving on to Cornwallis Junior High. She then attended Queen Elizabeth High School and the Halifax Vocational School before enrolling at the Victoria General Hospital School of Radiotherapy where she earned her designation as a radiotherapy technologist in 1961. In 1973, Guptill and her family moved to Bedeque, Prince Edward Island, where she quickly became involved

in the community. It was at this time that she became active in the Liberal Party, first as a party worker and then as president of the 4th Prince Liberal Association.

She has worked as a Sunday school teacher, church superintendent and choir member at St. Mary's Church. She became president of the Kinette Club and was also the coordinator of the Summerside Heart Fund, and a member of both the Summerside Area Adult Development Centre and the Summerside Chamber of Commerce. In 1996, Guptill was named *Grand Officier de l'Ordre de la Pléiade, Ordre de la Francophone et du Dialogue des Cultures*.

Gregg Guptill was born 21 July 1943 to Laurence Guptill and Gladys Wood of Milton, Nova Scotia. Nancy Guptill and her husband reside in Summerside.

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