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### Message from the President

I hope that you have enjoyed our extended Fall. We will be celebrating Spring's arrival at our April 16<sup>th</sup> luncheon with important updates from Johnsons Inc., our Health Plan Broker, and the Pension Board.

This summer, World Youth Organization Days, from July 22 to 28, will take place in Toronto with Pope John Paul II as a special guest. The city is looking for volunteers at [www.wyd2002.org](http://www.wyd2002.org).

Peter Morris, as our representative, is supporting an "Educators Build" project to sponsor and build a home through Toronto Habitat for Humanity.

Your Executive and Club Sixteen, under Val Fiedler's firm hand, are active. If you would like to help out with an activity, give Val a call.

Your Executive met in January with the other Toronto Districts to exchange ideas to improve our services locally. President Ron Stephen, Executive Director Terry Lynch (a District 16 member) and Simon Leibovitz, Communications Officer, addressed the group to update us on where we are going and how we may better utilize our Spadina RTO/ERO office. The Toronto Districts are working together to recruit new members to do a needs assessment and support the Habitat for Humanity Project.

We are also meeting local Federation leaders to support their fight to maintain educational opportunities for all students.

At a February Districts meeting, E.T.T.'s Martin Long was our guest. We discussed the Toronto Board's move towards differentiated premiums in the Benefits Plan which would cost retirees under 65 more than present employees.

E.T.T. is also seeking donations for the Ipperwash Justice Fund looking into the killing of Dudley George. Information may be obtained from Dennis Fox at 416-393-9930 ext. 223.

E.T.F.O. is petitioning the College of Teachers to protest the implementation of the Teacher Recertification Plan. The Board of Governors of the College is made up of a majority of non-teachers, yet the College is financed by increasing teacher certification fees. *(continued...)*

### Dates to Remember

<b>April 16</b>	Spring Luncheon at The Old Mill
<b>April 30</b>	Newsletter Submission Deadline
<b>May 3, 4, 5</b>	Runnymede Collegiate 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>May 4</b>	North Toronto Collegiate Reunion
<b>May 30</b>	Newsletter Mailing
<b>June 15</b>	Ryerson CS 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### RTO/ERO District 16 Executive 2001 ~ 2002

**President:** Bob Neal  
**Second Vice-President:** Kay Jeffery  
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**Goodwill:** Sue Booker  
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**Political Action:** John Bratton/Pat Carson

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**Club 16:** Val Fiedler  
**Hospitality:** Anne Fraser  
**Newsletter:** Paul Rowney  
**Travel:** Jack De Groot

**Members-at-Large:** Ian Baird Lillian Gang Peter Morris Shirley Young

The Federations also oppose teacher and student testing. We have been asked to request that our members not be asked to be involved as examiners for either set of tests. We have previously met with O.E.C.T.A. Toronto president and are seeking to meet O.S.S.T.F., A.E.F.O. and Principal representatives with a view to maintaining open communication to support OUR mutual interests.

President Ron Stephen and Terry Lynch have met with the provincial Federations and Administrators. RTO/ERO will be debating ways to support public education, active teachers, O.T.F. and the affiliates at the May Senate.

We continue to oppose the privatization of Hydro and will be making a presentation to the Romanov Commission looking at recommendations for change in the Canada Health Act.

RTO/ERO is also working to remove retirees names from the "suspended for non-payment of fees" list on the Web site of the College of Teachers. If you retired many years ago, you are probably "suspended" unless you wrote the College to remove your name and received your Retirement Certificate. Testing and professional development of our members who wish to maintain their certificates is also being addressed. We continue to be concerned about non-certified teachers working in private and publicly funded classrooms because of a teacher shortage.

As you can surmise, we are a busy group locally and provincially. We trust that not all ears in a democracy are deaf. As Mark Twain once said, "I was careful never to let my schooling interfere with my education." May you all enjoy your Spring and continue your education.

**Bob Neal, President**

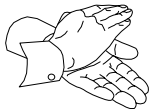
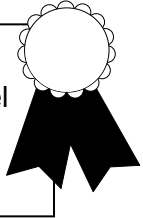
### **Newsletter Volumes and Issues**

Thanks to our former Archivist, Laura Warren, we have obtained our complete set of archives. They are now in the hands of our new Archivist, Rosalina Bustemente. She has been kind enough to take over the continued collection of RTO/ERO District 16 historical items. Because of Laura's efforts, we have been able to identify what appears to be the first issues of District 16 Newsletters (January 1979) and, therefore, renumber our Volumes and Issues effective this issue.



### **Provincial RTO/ERO Recognition**

At the Fall Senate, **Bill Tajer** was acknowledged for his service on the Provincial Travel Committee including his period of time as Chair. **Bob Neal** was acknowledged for his chairing of the Ad Hoc Committee on Districts and Units.



### **Congratulations to John Borvilos**

Past President of OCTE

Recipient of the **Fred L. Bartlett Memorial Award**

Celebrating his outstanding contribution to education throughout Ontario.

### Club Sixteen

**NEW**—The **Bridge, Crafts and Travel** group meetings are held at **St. Margaret's Anglican Church** at the corner of Avenue Road and Burnaby Boulevard, one block north of Eglinton Avenue West. The other activities, such as the **Book Club, Movie Club, new Hikers' Club, Walking Group and Snooker**, etc., are at different locations. **Please check with the Convenors of each group.**

#### March 2002

**BRIDGE** Mar. 5, 19 Tuesdays 1:15 p.m. Convenor: John Lane 416-486-0697  
**CRAFTS** Mar. 26 Tuesday 1:30 p.m. Convenor: Bernice Iles 416-651-4378\*\*  
**TRAVEL** Mar. 27 Wednesday 1:30 p.m. Convenor: Val Fiedler 416-510-1861  
**"Toronto: The Beauty Within, plus Autumn Glory" ...with Music!**  
Presented by **Dave Leggett.**

#### April 2002

**BRIDGE** Apr. 2, 16, 30 Tuesdays 1:15 p.m. Convenor: John Lane 416-486-0697  
**CRAFTS** Apr. 23 Tuesday 1:30 p.m. Convenor: Bernice Iles 416-651-4378  
**TRAVEL** Apr. 24 Wednesday 1:30 p.m. Convenor: Val Fiedler 416-510-1861  
**"The Land of the Pharaohs...EGYPT."** Presented by **Joyce Bullock.**

#### May 2002

**BRIDGE** May 7, 21 Tuesdays 1:15 p.m. Convenor: John Lane 416-486-0697  
**CRAFTS** May 28 Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Convenor: Vi Piccininni 416-922-9694  
**Special** —→ A trip to Mennonite Country (a treat for the **Crafts** group)  
**TRAVEL** May 22 Wednesday 1:30 p.m. Convenor: Val Fiedler 416-510-1861  
**"Short Visits to Scenic Places (including Rome, Britain, Deserts, Sculptures, Iceland, etc.)."** Presented by **Robert and Helvi Hunter.**

**\*\*Note:** Due to the illness of the Convenor, the **Crafts** program will continue under the guidance of **Bernice Iles 416-651-4378**, assisted by **Vi Piccininni 416-922-9694**.

**BOOK CLUB** Meetings are on the **first Monday of each month** from **1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise arranged.  
The March selection is **"Cat's Eye"** by **Margaret Atwood**.  
The April selection is **"Fugitive Pieces"** by **Anne Michaels**.  
The May selection is **"The Map That Changed The World"** by **Simon Winchester**.  
The June selection is **"The Corrections"** by **Jonathan Franzen**.  
For further information, call either  
Joan Johnson at 416-691-5368 or Elaine McIntosh at 416-463-2637.

**MOVIE CLUB** Recently the group attended the films: "Va Savoir" and "The Shipping News."  
The upcoming dates for outings are **April 15** (correction from the 8<sup>th</sup>), **May 13 and June 10, 2002**. If you wish to join us, please call either  
Brenda Wilson at 416-482-2853 or Kelly Todesco at 416-693-0216.

## Club Sixteen Co-ordinator's Comments

I am happy to report that our **Activities Groups** are expanding to include more outdoor activities that are appealing to those who enjoy participating in sports! This is an announcement to tell you about a **NEW Walkers' Group**, which is now underway, along with the exciting **Hikers' Club**, already established. The **Snooker Club** is also enjoying an enthusiastic response. In fact, Convenor **John Lafleur** reports that the Snooker group wants to meet twice a month. Call him at **416-465-7977** if you want to join in.

The **Hikers' Club** is looking forward to becoming a year-round activity, with different leaders for each month. **A special event (canoeing, outside of Toronto) is being planned for JULY.** Call **Don Mason** at **416-759-3131**.

**NEW...A Walkers' Group** for those who may enjoy being together on a **Saturday or a Sunday** morning, for a walk through our lovely park system. **Kelly Todesco** is leading this activity, and you can reach her at **416-693-0216** for information. She tells me that it is a great way to enjoy fresh air, to socialize, to interact with other teachers and exchange ideas, and to follow up with a coffee at a local shop. The time is usually around one to two hours, and they do casual walking.

### Hikers' Club advance notice

**New note:** Please book your attendance with the particular leader in advance.

**Date:** March 22, 2002 **Time:** 10:45 a.m.  
**Leader/Location:** Bill Rose will lead the HUMBER TRAIL hike.  
**Meeting Place:** The Old Mill Subway Station (parking: down the hill, next to the river by the bridge)  
**To pre-book:** Call Bill Rose at 416-233-9979.

**Date:** April 26, 2002 **Time:** 10:45 a.m.  
**Leader/Location:** Alan Warren will lead The Belt Line Trail, through the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery and Moore Park Ravine.  
**Meeting Place:** Eglinton West subway station (inside). Take Eglinton West bus from the Yonge Street subway or the Spadina subway line north to Eglinton West Station.  
**To pre-book:** Call Alan at 416-486-6334 between 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

**Date:** May 24, 2002 **Time:** 10:45 a.m.  
**Leader/Location:** Don Mason will lead a Rouge River Walk, through a nature trail.  
**Meeting Place:** Twin Rivers Drive parking lot, located near 401 and Meadowvale Road. Drive north to Sheppard, turn east to the intersection of Sheppard and Twin Rivers Drive. Follow down the hill to the parking lot.  
**To pre-book:** Call Don at 416-759-3131.

**Date:** June 21, 2002 **Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Leader/Location:** Marianne Psica. Crawford Lake, South Halton.  
**Meeting Place:** Guelph Line parking lot at Steeles, south of the 401. Transportation to this meeting place can be arranged.  
**To pre-book:** Call Marianne at 416-499-0324.

For further information on any of these activities, call Val Fiedler at 416-510-1861.

**P.S. Anyone interested in joining or leading a Bowling, French or other club, please call Val.**

## Hiking Report

On January 28 an intrepid group of District 16 Hiking Club members set out in the dead of winter for an unofficial hike along the Bruce Trail at Rattlesnake Point. Despite the January date, the weather was glorious and sunny, with no wind; the temperature eventually rose to 10 degrees, a record for the date.

We started at the Conservation Area, admiring the view south towards Lake Ontario and the hawks floating on the thermals. These provided lots of picture opportunities for those who had brought cameras. We then headed along the trail descending to the valley floor and a hardwood forest. We ate lunch in the forest, sitting on conveniently fallen trees, before heading back up the bluff and on to our cars. Coffee at a local Tim Horton's was a fitting end to our day.

Our next unofficial hike was to Limehouse, near Georgetown, on February 11. Fewer members joined us this time, perhaps deterred by a forecast of -7 and a wind chill even colder. But once we hit the trail in the woods, there was no wind, just a bright sun warming us as we walked along admiring the scenery. We even had an outdoor picnic in a tiny park, soaking up the rays as we ate and continued the ritual of Tim Horton's coffee.

The first official walk was on February 22 in L'Amoreaux Park in North Scarborough. Although the turnout was disappointing, once again the weather was beautiful, bright sun and brisk temperatures. We explored the paths through an original forest, part of the farm of the L'Amoreaux family who were among Scarborough's pioneer settlers. The walk also skirted a bioremedial pond and a branch of Highland Creek.

When you read this, another walk in Toronto will have taken place in the Humber Valley near the Old Mill. The next walk is scheduled for April 26 along the Belt Line near Eglinton Avenue. Details are in this newsletter. **If you would like to join a hike to areas around Toronto, give your name and number to Val Fiedler at 416-510-1861 to get on the contact list.** Our hikes are fun, non-strenuous opportunities to enjoy the fresh air and some great scenery.

## Snooker Report

The Snooker Club was well attended and truly launched on February 26, 2002. The Club will continue meeting **every second Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Coronation Billiards** at Avenue Road and Eglinton Avenue. For detailed information, call **John Lafleur at 416-465-7977.**

**Runnymede Collegiate 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion**

**May 3, 4 and 5, 2002**

**Contact [www.runnymedecollegiate.com](http://www.runnymedecollegiate.com)**

**or**

**Kay Jeffery (Dunkling) at 416-767-8179**

## **Minding Your Money by Chuck Carr**

**Managing Retirement** Now that we've retired, all that money management and other bothersome stuff is over, right! Wrong! Demographic statistics report that people who retire at age 60 should anticipate living for about another 25 years. Consequently, we must all address those items in retirement that will determine whether our retirement is an odyssey full of joy or hardship. Said another way, we must now get on with *managing* our retirement.

Dr. Sherry Cooper, a highly respected Canadian economist, comments upon the financial aspect of retirement. I quote:

“Running into a bear market early in retirement can maul your portfolio to the point that you might never fully benefit from the rebound. That is why new methods of financial planning use Monte Carlo analysis – probability theory that incorporates a consideration for volatility in returns. It suggests that you will need a nest egg of roughly 20 to 25 times the before-tax income you would like it to generate annually in retirement. For example, for a pre-tax income of \$50,000 per year from your portfolio, you will need a nest egg of between \$1-to-\$1.25-million the day you stop working. Put another way, withdrawing more than about 4% to 5% of your portfolio each year in retirement runs the risk of running out of money before you run out of years.”

Before you die of apoplexy, let us explore Dr. Cooper's statement. Demographic statistics today suggest that if you retire at age 60, you can expect to live until age 85 – at least 25 years. If you have an OTPPB pension of \$40,000, then you have the equivalent of \$1,000,000 invested. If your current income exceeds \$50,000 then you should maximize your RRSP contributions and make non-registered investments to make up the difference. Since time is such an important factor in investing, don't procrastinate.

In addition, since fixed-income investments (e.g., GICs, T-Bills) are performing so poorly these day, they will not produce the income required to ensure that you will maintain your current lifestyle in retirement.

If your RRSP/RRIF portfolio is over-weighted in fixed securities, then you should contact a certified, independent, financial advisor to explore what alternatives are available to you given your investment goals and risk tolerance.

**Think Positively** Unfortunately, many retirees see retirement in a negative light – as becoming a Senior Citizen. Steve Smith, alias Red Green, offers a positive side to retiring and becoming Senior Citizens. He says,

“The trick is to stay optimistic about the future. Here's a list of things that you can look forward to in your declining years:

- Nobody's going to ask you to help them move.
- Friends will stop trying to set you up with their brother/sister.
- Life insurance salespeople will stop calling.
- Product warranties will become less of a concern.
- You can have a much younger person live with you and people will think s/he's a health professional.
- You can stop trying to lose weight.
- You can become the center of attention at family gatherings by always talking about your will.

### **Health Benefits Premiums/2001 Tax Data**

In our last issue, we indicated that we would print additional 2001 tax data. This year Johnson Inc. has mailed direct to individual benefits' users a detailed 2001 summary of benefits usage including total premiums paid. It also shows those charges paid by the plans. Both these pieces of information can be used for income tax purposes.

## **Government Watch/Political Action Committee**

We have become so accustomed to electrical power, both generation and distribution, being in the hands of one Crown corporation, that any change can be frightening. How will it work? Ontario Hydro has already been split into two corporate bodies – Ontario Power Generation and Hydro One (distribution).

On May 1, electricity will be open to competition similar to the natural gas market. Generating companies, including the crown-owned Ontario Power Generation Company, are to compete in a competitive wholesale market. The former Ontario Hydro must sell off 65% of its generating stations to private energy companies. This is supposed to keep prices down. Consumers will buy their power from their local utility or from an electricity retailer. The province will sell Hydro One and use the proceeds to pay down the debt of the former Ontario Hydro which totals \$21 billion. The province expects to get about \$5 billion from the new share of offerings. Hydro One currently controls the long-distance transmission grid that carries power from generating stations to local utilities and major power users.

Wholesale power rates were frozen in 1993 and only rose 0.7 cents a kilowatt-hour last year. Inflation would have driven up the prices 15% if the freeze had not been in place. The government has promised the new market will not exceed these higher rates. Hamilton Hydro is already proposing a rate hike of 8% applied to the distribution costs portion of the hydro bill paid by all users, including those who buy their electricity from independent retailers. As a quasi-private company owned by the city of Hamilton, Hamilton Hydro will pay for extra costs related to the transition to a competitive market such as a new computerized billing system and consultants' fees.

One of the major concerns that consumers have is that they cannot really compare the cost of electricity being offered by the new electricity retailers. The rates being offered do not include the distribution costs.

Toronto Hydro bills contain a breakdown of charges:

- Monthly Customer Charge – the charge for fixed costs and administration
- Distribution Charge – the cost of running and maintaining the distribution system
- Energy Charge – the pre-competitive cost of generating electricity consumed plus the cost of transmitting electricity to Toronto
- Wholesale Energy Surcharge – charge used to pay down the debt of the former Ontario Hydro

The energy charge will be further broken down after May 1, when the cost for generation and distribution will be shown separately. We don't know what the rates for generation will be until the market opens on May 1. Distribution charges will be set by the new owners (investors) of Hydro One, the distribution company. How much regulation the Ontario Energy Board will place on rates for distribution (if any) is not known at this time.

All this leads to many questions.

1. What are the implications of deregulation under NAFTA and WTO? Do these organizations prohibit the province from imposing any form of import and export controls or taxes? Can the Americans force the privatized companies to sell their power even if there is a domestic shortage?
2. Will the price of electricity rise to that of the American prices? Will there be a two-price policy, one for Ontario consumers and one for American? (Michigan, Ohio and New York rates are up to 200% more than Ontario today.)
3. Is privatization of electrical energy the only way to pay off the 421 billion dollar Ontario Hydro debt? How much money is the current energy surcharge generating annually?
4. Why privatize the distribution network? What incentives will be needed to maintain an infrastructure that public money paid for? What about rural communities with few residents to pay for new lines?
5. How can consumers be protected from electricity retailers who use unfair sale pitches? Will there be a standard contract?
6. Will there be any regulation of rates for energy and/or for distribution set by the Ontario Energy Board?
7. Will the rates for electricity and distribution be uniform across the province or will the rates vary according to cost? How is this cost determined?
8. How can we prevent an Enron-type situation from occurring in Ontario given our current regulatory procedures?
9. Why is California re-regulating their power system?

Ask your MPP. It would be interesting to know if he or she knows the answers. Let us know if there are any issues the political action committee should be addressing.

**Pat Carson**  
416-626-5995  
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## **Energy Deregulation by John Bratton A Cautionary Tale**

Are you confused about Energy Deregulation? Welcome to the club!  
Deregulation of electricity prices is due to come into effect May 1, 2002. Businesses cannot get straight answers to their questions about the actual cost of electricity today. It should be a bit more than 4 cents a kilowatt-hour, according to The Star. Long distance transmission and local distribution, plus a basic monthly fee are added to that.

Don't be misled by fast talking salespeople!  
You will **not** be cut off from your electricity supply if you do not sign anything.  
Your electric utility will still be obligated to continue supplying you with power after May 1, 2002!

Also, if you receive a "Dividend" cheque from your energy supplier, be very cautious about signing it.  
It may be a ruse to void a current contract in favour of a higher-priced one!

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### **A View from our Active Colleagues...**

From time-to-time your editors will bring you information regarding current developments in education from the point of view of those in the classroom (or their representatives). With this issue we begin by reprinting, with permission, articles from OECTA (Toronto Secondary Unit) and ETFO (Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario).

#### **President's Message: Toronto Secondary Unit Highlights - February 2002, Volume 02, Issue 4**

The recertification issue remains on the front burner with the College's threatening response coming during the Christmas vacation to those teachers in the first cohort who returned their designation letters.

The tone was certainly not in keeping with the Christmas Season and it was a form letter - clearly members' letters had not been read. For example, the registrar stated, "In your letter you indicated your intention not to participate in the Professional Learning Program"; most TSU-OECTA members did NOT indicate this. One OECTA president has reported that their Unit collected the members' responses and mailed them early in January from the Unit office but some of their members received the College response during the holidays before the members' letters were mailed!! A TSU member reported being designated and then 'undesigned' and still got a threatening response from the College. Does this instil your confidence in the College?

Have you taken a look at the College website recently? The list of providers appears long but relatively few are in the Toronto area. The number of approved courses is very small, many courses have little relevance for secondary teachers, a minuscule number are available on-line, most of them are face-to-face and again very very few are available in the Toronto area. This is a Professional Learning Program? What level of professionalism do we see from this governing body that attempts to threaten members with timelines when the clock is ticking and the program isn't even in place? What will be its excuse - the government made us do it?

As teachers across the province continue to take a stand on this issue, support is growing. Several school boards have withdrawn their applications for provider status, including our close neighbours, York Catholic and Dufferin-Peel Catholic Boards. So too have several subject associations such as the Association for Computer Studies as well as the organizers of "Reading For the Love of It" conference, which until that point had few registrants.

Immediately after Christmas, some schools were sent a Job Relevance survey from the Ministry of Education and the Ontario Principals' Council, requesting that it be completed by the teachers. The survey was in connection with the test for initial certification of students currently at the faculties. Since the test was not



designed in Canada, input was being sought from current Ontario teachers to assess its relevance. Most teachers instinctively knew what to do with the survey.

We also know instinctively what we must do to maintain the Standards of Practice and the Ethical Standards for the Teaching Profession. Do the College or the present government?

Surely it does not include demoralizing and debasing the members of the profession as has been done – to the extent that they leave and we cannot entice sufficient numbers of young people to join our ranks? The number of "uncertified teachers" grows daily and little is being done to address this concern. Instead, thousands of well trained, certified teachers are being threatened with being "decertified" and the loss of livelihood.

What kind of choice is that - an "uncertified teacher" or a "decertified teacher"? In this, we know we are right. We must continue to stand together and maintain our own self-directed professional learning plan.

**Signed: Kathleen Gardiner, President, Toronto Secondary Unit, Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association**

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***The following article was written for the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario's publication "Voice" (Winter 2002, V4-N2) by Gene Lewis, General Secretary, ETFO and is reprinted here with permission.***

Over the years, teachers working together through their federations have achieved improvements in benefits, class size, working conditions and salary. These gains were only possible through the unwavering support of members.

Today, teachers are facing a new challenge, the government's recertification program. ETFO is calling on all members to say 'No!' to this plan.

This fall, thousands of teachers received letters from the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) telling them they were part of the first cohort of the recertification program. Many protested by sending the letters back to the OCT. The OCT responded with an intimidating letter, which it sent out by registered mail during the winter break. This letter was clearly intended to weaken members' resolve.

ETFO has advised members who received this letter simply to file it. The letter's tone and content tells us that our protest against the recertification program is working.

Elementary teachers have always participated in professional growth programs that have a direct and meaningful impact on our students. Recertification attacks our autonomy in this very important area.

ETFO continues to advise members not to take any courses approved by the OCT for recertification purposes. Other professional development opportunities are available.

You may wish to take Additional Qualification (AQ) courses. These are recorded in two separate databases at the OCT - one for recording the AQ on the Certificate of Qualification and one for the Professional Learning Program. Advise the faculty not to forward your results to the Professional Learning Program. Check with your ETFO steward or visit [www.etfo.ca](http://www.etfo.ca) for a sample letter on this topic.

Whether you are at the beginning, the middle or the end of your career, your support is crucial to ensure the long-term integrity of our profession. Please stand with your colleagues and say 'No' to recertification, 'Yes' to accountability.

## **The Elementary Teachers of Toronto and Recertification**

If you would like to support the Elementary Teachers of Toronto in their opposition to the College of Teachers' Recertification Program, please obtain their petition from our website and ask your friends to consider signing it. ([www.rto-ero16.org](http://www.rto-ero16.org)). Additionally, teachers may voice their opposition at a mass rally at the College of Teachers' AGM in May. We will try to get more detail to you via our website.

**Ryerson Community School - 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

**11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**

**At the School**

**Events include decade rooms, dance with buffet supper and much more.**

**Contact Mary El Milosh at 416-393-1336 or [mary.milsosh@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:mary.milsosh@tdsb.on.ca) to provide personal information for the alumni data base, e.g. last name, maiden name, first name, staff or student and years attended. Let Mary El know if you have artifacts, like pictures, to help decorate the decade rooms.**

## **TEOF Auction**

TEOF thanks its generous contributors for making our annual auction successful.  
Please keep us in mind for our 2002 Auction this Fall, our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
Watch the May Newsletter for more details.

**Malvern Collegiate**

**is having a reunion in 2003.**

**You may phone the school at 416-393-8683**

**or [Malvern100@BeachesToronto.com](mailto:Malvern100@BeachesToronto.com)**

## **Thank you...**

Thank you to those people who contacted me regarding past Leslieville principals. Thanks to you, we now have pictures of John Gartley and Foss Warder for the new Leslie Street/Leslieville principals' wall gallery.

**Chuck Carr**

## Welcome New Members – 2001

With this list, we are now almost up to date in acknowledging our new members.  
(In our May Issue, we will post those who have joined us to April 2002)

Alexander, Joan K	Farey, Miss Raffaella	Maslan, Patricia
Amaron, Robert E	Faria, Willa T	Mc Cormick, Elaine
Andersen, Penelope	Farrell, Susan E	Meyers, Mary
Anderson, Judith L M	Ferguson, Ms Sue	Moir, Miss Anne
Arbour, Lynda M	Flaums, Edite	Montgomery, Carol A
Artemiw, Carol	Forbes, Kenneth	Mullrooney, Kathleen T
Askin, Betty Lou	Gattie, Frances	Murray, Barbara
Barker, Catherine	Gavin, Rosemarie	Murray, Garlene
Barratt, Christine Anne	Gibson, Mrs Kathie	Musin, Marta
Bender, Nadeen Ann	Graham, Mrs Jean	Nazmy, Hoda
Blake, Marjorie D	Gregory, Keith	Niro, Pasquale
Bochar, Helen M	Grimes, George	Norris, Sandra D
Bordignon, Catherine	Harranger, Jacqueline	O'Connell, Marilyn J
Bostock, Alex	Hetherington, Winnifred J	O'Keefe, Frank
Boudreau, Marilyn J	Holbrook, Lauretta C	O'Neill, Daniel
Breton, Dianne	Howell, Carol R	Parrick, Bruce
Bromley, James W	James, Gurnos	Pasloske, Elgin
Brown, Linda	Jamieson, Arthur R	Poe, Mrs Edna R A
Buchan, Judy	Karout, Joan	Ponzo, Mrs Lena
Burke, Mrs Sheila	Kell, John L	Power, Eileen
Campbell, Mrs Isabel L	Kirby, Stephen	Presencer, Norma
Caron, Mrs Carmen Suzanne	Knechtel, A Baird	Rinfret, Gilles
Carroll, Catherine	Koch, Teresa	Roberson, Shelagh P E
Ciceri, Elaine P	Kolkman, Hendrinje	Sinclair, Susan E
Closson, Jennifer	Koritar, Zoltan	Smiles, Heidi
Clough, Susan	Kouyoumdjian, G M Christine	Stackaruk, Mrs Stella
Craig, Joyce	Lager, Neil M W	Stone, Linda
Crljenko, Margaret L	Lakin, Peter W	Strebig, Mrs Patricia
D'Atri, Carolyn	Lane, Olimpia Romita	Szocs, Klara
Darnley, Bruce	Lansdell, Keith K	Taylor, Marnie
Dasko, Josephine L	Leeds, Marilyn J	Teliatnik, Alexander
Denicolais, Carl A	Leggett-Johnston, Carol	Town, Lavana
Di Giovanni, Suzanne	Leslie, Marian	Turff, Nancy
Dignan, Kathryn M	Lockett, James	Van Eeken, M Deborah
Drum, Dennis J	Lusina, Fraank	Warde-Farley, Joan
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Eglitis, Mrs Ruth A	Majorosi, Judith E	Wills, Jo-Anne
Emerson, Lois	Manning, Christine	Winslow, Robert
Emond, Enide	Marshall, Paul D	Wintersinger, Irene M

### **Watch for the Every-Member Survey in May's Newsletter**

A 'Toronto Districts' Membership Questionnaire will be published in the May Newsletter. The same questionnaire will be sent about the same time to the other districts within the current City of Toronto. We are looking for as great a return as possible so that we can plan for the future with as solid a base of information as possible.



**Toronto Choristers'  
Spring Concert**

**Wednesday, May 15 – 7:30 p.m.**

**North Toronto Collegiate**

**Tickets: \$7.00 from Choir members or at the door**

**Light refreshments**

**Enjoy both an exceptional choral evening and  
visiting with former colleagues.**



**IN MEMORIAM**

**RTO/ERO District 16 extends condolences to families, friends and colleagues of those deceased. May we, together, share in the mourning of the loss and in celebration of service rendered.**

Mary C. Babcock  
Leopold Bouffard  
Eveleen M. Beckett  
Marion M. Bingham  
Albert Butler  
Dominic Distasi  
Karl Eder  
Nancy M. Gaskell

Kirkwood M. Given  
Helena Jones  
June K. Jones  
Marguerite King  
Allan E. Knight  
George James Lindala  
Harry C. Mann  
Marjorie H. Martin

Annie J. O'Brien  
Robert H. Plunkett  
Mary Richardson  
Mildred L. Russell  
William Sinclair (retired 1988/Frankland)  
Frankish R. Styles  
Martha Torrie  
Anton Willebrands  
Roger W. Wilson