



CONGRATULATIONS

ANNE FRASER

STO – SERVICE TO OTHERS AWARD

It was with great honour that District 16 presented our longest-serving executive member with our own “STO - Service to Others” Award. **Anne Fraser** (left) has served retired teachers more than twenty years on the Toronto District Executive. The Governor General has recently recognized her for her voluntary activities in her community – an obvious acknowledgement of her service within and beyond the educational community. **Arlene Freeman** presented the award at our Spring Luncheon.

Note that we have used this occasion to publish our first picture (at least that we know of) in our newsletter. We hope to do this again as space permits. Thanks, Anne for this opportunity.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What worries do we have now? That the summer will be long and hot? That our pension cheques will be in the bank on time? That our new health card and health plan will be financially sound? Your Executive accepts no responsibility for the first but is happy to report that the last are 99% sure things. Club Sixteen has had an active year. You may wish to join one of our new walkers’, snooker, hikers’ or canoe groups by contacting the coordinators. I still believe, however, that it’s more stressful to chase a little white ball in the bush than strolling through the woods on a sunny day. **Gilles Martin** has volunteered to coordinate a French Club. Contact Gilles at 416-564-9734 to help get this club started.

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Dates to Remember – also see Page 11

June 15	Ryerson CS 125 th Anniversary
August 31	Newsletter Submission Deadline
September 12	Executive Meeting
September 26	Newsletter Mailing
Mid October	District 16 AGM/Luncheon

RTO/ERO District 16 Executive 2001 ~ 2002

President: Bob Neal
Second Vice-President: Kay Jeffery
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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

President's Message continued...

We had presentations from **Mike McAllister** of the Pension Board and **Karen O'Connell** from Johnsons Insurance at our Spring Luncheon. The question and answer sessions were busy, the fellowship great. **Mike Lennox** ate his gourmet lunch. Two awards were presented: one to Laura Warren for over-six years service on our Executive and for establishing our archives; and, a new award – "Service to Others" was presented to **Anne Fraser**. Anne also received an Outstanding Canadian Volunteer Award. This "Service to Others" Award is new to District 16 to recognize work in the community done by our members. Let us know of others that we might publicize. You may have heard ads on AM740 opposing the privatization of the electrical energy market. These were co-sponsored by District 16 with two other RTO/ERO Districts.

At Metro, recruitment of new members continues with positive results. You may wish to follow news regarding the Educators' Build from Habitat for Humanity, with events planned over the next few months. On July 28, Pope John Paul II is scheduled to attend a service to dedicate over 40 homes, one of which is our sponsored "Educators House." (As of Monday, May 6, over \$6500 had been donated!) In this newsletter you will receive a Needs Assessment Survey from the Metro group. Please take the time to return your thoughts to **Bill Menagh** as we try to provide services to enrich and support all of our members.

Provincially, RTO/ERO has achieved an exemption for retirees from taking the 14 professional courses to maintain their certification from the College of Teachers. Paid advertising in Professionally Speaking, the College magazine, has been cancelled by request from the Federation. This supports the O.T.F. position that professional licences should not be controlled by a Board with a majority of members who do not need to comply with government regulation and control. The May Senate will be looking at other ways to support our former working colleagues, as well as examining the membership issue to gain a more accurate count of our members who have a spouse on pension.

Welcome to our new Premier, Ernest Eves. By stalling the sale of Hydro One, he has responded to public outrage. We need to keep applying the pressure. Another note in the news states seniors and young men are the greatest drain on our health system. Ah, the exuberance of youth and the feigned exuberance of the more experienced. Falls are accountable for a chunk of the expense. So, go slow and remember Red Green who suggests people will defer to you now because they may be in your will. Have a steady, healthy summer.

Bob Neal, President

T.E.O.F.'s TENTH ANNUAL AUCTION

Friday, November 15, 2002

Rainbow Room, Queen Elizabeth Building

TEOF needs the support of newsletter readers in the form of paintings, sculptures, etc., that no longer fit their decor.

Why not turn these erstwhile treasures into tax deductions?

Contact **Les Birmingham** at 416-299-6450 or **Shona Milligan** at 416-698-1971.

SPRING LUNCHEON

Our annual Spring Luncheon on April 16 was the most successful in terms of attendance that we have had in some years. District 16 was able to honour **Anne Fraser** with a "STO - Service to Others Award," and **Laura Warren**, our former archivist, with an Executive Service Award. (Costs for this event have been stable for the last few years but we have been notified that costs will rise if we stay at the same location.)

CLUB SIXTEEN Co-ordinator's Comments

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the following Convenors and their assistants, who contributed their time and talents to providing these enjoyable activities for you:

Anne Fraser – *Hospitality and Refreshments*, assisted by **Bernice Morley** and **Vi Piccininni**;

Bernice Iles – *Crafts*, assisted by **Vi Piccininni**. Thank you also to former Convenor **Nell Godfrey** for her years of service;

John Lane – *Bridge*;

Jack DeGroot – *Day Trips*;

Joan Johnson and Elaine McIntosh – *Book Club*;

Brenda Wilson and Kelly Todesco – *Movie Club*;

John La Flair – *Snooker*;

Bill Rose, Don Mason, Alan Warren, and Marianne Psica – *Hikers' Club*;

Kelly Todesco – *Walkers' Club*;

and, of course, it was my pleasure to convene the *Travelogues*, with the assistance of **Dennis Fiedler**.

Next season, beginning in October, we have had a request for a *French-speaking Club*, a *Bowling* team, and a *Recorder* group. If you are interested in joining these activities, please call **Val Fiedler** at 416-510-1861. She would also like to hear from anyone who has a *Travelogue* to present.

There are a few groups just concluding, give the Convenors a call.

JUNE 2002

BOOK CLUB 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. Meetings are usually on the first Monday of each month.

MOVIE CLUB The upcoming date for an outing is **June 10th**. If you wish to join them, call either **Brenda Wilson** at 416-482-2853 or **Kelly Todesco** at 416-693-0216.

WALKERS' CLUB It will continue in June. Please call **Kelly Todesco** at 416-693-0216 in the evening if possible.

HIKERS' CLUB **May 24, 2002** Time: 10:45 a.m.
Leader/Location: **Don Mason** will lead a *Rouge River* walk.
Meeting Place: Twin Rivers Drive parking lot, located near 401 and Meadowvale Rd. Drive north to Sheppard, turn east to the intersection of Sheppard and Twin Rivers Dr. Follow the hill down to the parking lot.
To pre-book call **Don** at 416-759-3131. *Take a packed lunch.

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

NOVICE AND OTHERS HIKE

This hike has been designed for novice (and other) hikers who would like to see what our group does.

September 27, 2002 Time: 10:45 a.m.
Leader/Location: **Bill Rose** will lead a Humber Valley Hike.
Meeting Place: Old Mill Station. Route will go north on Humber Trail to Lambton Woods, lunch in James Gardes, return via Tommy Thompson/Brulé Trails. Time: approx. 3 hours.
To pre-book, call Bill Rose at 416-233-9979. *Take a packed lunch, water, snack.
Washrooms enroute.

Note: A *canoe trip* was advertised earlier; call **Don Mason** at 416-759-3131 to hear about any information on this trip.

Thanks everyone, and have a GREAT SUMMER. See you in the Fall.

Val Fiedler

HIKERS' CLUB NEWS

Bitter cold weather, with a wind chill factor of -20 degrees C, made the March 22nd hike a challenge. However, a larger group than usual braved the conditions and made the hike from the Old Mill down the Humber Trail to the Humber Bay Park East. We had a very cold lunch and then everyone was shuttled back to Bloor Street. Join us on the next hike. It's guaranteed to be warmer!

On Friday April 26th, twenty-one RTO members had a wonderful hike along the Belt Line Trail, through Mt. Pleasant Cemetery and Moore Park Ravine. Along the Belt Line Trail, the hikers identified many beautiful birds - a cardinal, a downy red-headed woodpecker, mallard ducks, mourning doves, a finch, and bright orange-breasted robins. The weather was coool but refreshing for hiking. Many of the teachers were unaware of the existence of the Belt Line Trail and greatly enjoyed this new discovery. We had a picturesque lunch in the fountain and garden area in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery and then a lovely walk along the streams and heavily forested trails of Moore Park Ravine before finishing with a stop for coffee about 2:00 p.m. Altogether, a delightful outing.

Safe hiking to all - **Bill Rose**

CURLING FOR TEACHERS

Season: October 2002–March 2003

<u>Times</u>	<u>Locations</u>	<u>Information Contacts</u>
Mondays 4:00–6:00 p.m.	Boulevard C.C.	Mike Jasenko 416-787-8941
Mondays 4:00–6:00 p.m.	Leaside C.C.	Sam Murakami 905-479-9329 Wayne Hornsby 416-759-6258
Fridays 5:00–7:00 p.m.	East York C.C.	Doug Ross 416-699-3404 Keith Gregory 416-267-7254

FUN — FLEXIBLE — ALL ARE WELCOME!



Theatre:

Some of our members are active in the Act II Seniors' Education Program at Ryerson University. This program will be presenting "What Glorious Times They Had," a satire, at the Robert Gill Theatre in June. Evening and/or afternoon presentations are available from June 6 to 16. For more information, contact Act II Studio at 416-979-5000 ext. 6297.



Travel: RTO/ERO Tours for 2002

Travel Guild is the official travel agent for RTO/ERO. On every tour you have the services of an RTO member who will accompany you throughout the trip plus a local guide in each city you visit.

Ireland, North and South - June 13-28	\$3649	Newfoundland and Labrador - July 10-21	\$3290
Iceland and Scandinavia - July 17-30	\$5598	Danube Cruise - August 13 - September 11	\$4990
Waterways of the Czars - September 6-19	\$4348	Rhine Cruise - September 8-17	\$4344
Alpine Countries - September 8-23	\$3468	England, Scotland, Wales - September 12-27	\$4389
Turkey - September 14-29	\$3598	Central Europe - September 16-October 1	\$3559
Greece - September 24-October 8	\$3978	Balkans - September 28-October 12	\$3599
Paris and Provence, France - October 1-21	\$3089	Galapagos, Peru, Ecuador -October 8-20	\$6298
Australia, New Zealand - Oct. 8-Nov. 5	\$9286	South Africa - October 15-November 2	\$5368
China, Yangtze Cruise - Oct. 20 - Nov. 3	\$4999	Vietnam and Cambodia - November 2-20	\$5287
Orient - November 9-25	\$4987	South America - November 19-December 3	\$5759

To receive a detailed itinerary, contact ethom@sympatico.ca or phone Travel Guild at 905-760-9229.

GOVERNMENT WATCH – Political Action Committee

Can We Afford to Pay Double for Electricity?

May 1st is the day deregulation of electricity in Ontario begins. We now have a (mostly) publicly owned system. After deregulation begins and the power generating plants are sold off (privatization), we will have to buy electricity on the open market. So what's wrong with that? Competition is a good thing, isn't it?

Not according to the *Ontario Electricity Coalition*, a group of organizations and individuals committed to protecting at-cost, reliable electricity by working to inform the public and stop deregulation. The OEC gives seven reasons for stopping deregulation:

- 1 **Higher rates** Electricity rates are higher in deregulated, private markets. New York State rates are more than double Ontario's. California's recent deregulation disaster brought increases of up to 500%. Albertans had their rates triple with deregulation; their Provincial Government poured \$2 billion into consumer "rebates."
- 2 **Blackouts and brownouts** Deregulation in California's electricity markets caused more blackouts than Ontario has suffered in decades, from ice storms or anything else. Public power has protected us from market fluctuations in supply as well as price - let's keep it that way.
- 3 **Economic instability** At-cost electricity has buttressed Ontario's economy for many years. A risky experiment with deregulation of electricity would further destabilize an already unstable economy. Deregulating electricity would cause soaring rates and reduced reliability, leading to increased production costs- and unemployment.
- 4 **Burden on public services** Soaring electricity rates would put a significant burden on school boards, hospitals, public transit and other public services. Our public services are already in crisis and cannot afford to pay double for electricity.
- 5 **Unfair to people on fixed incomes** Seniors and other members of our communities on fixed incomes would be hit hardest by doubling electricity rates. Deregulation would harm the living standards of millions of Ontarians.
- 6 **Threat to sovereignty** Because of public outcry, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) includes clauses that protect existing publicly owned institutions. However, if Ontario sells off public generating plants and deregulates the electricity market, NAFTA rules would make it extremely expensive to return to at-cost public utilities. NAFTA would also prevent us from cutting back on exports in times of Ontario shortages. Deregulation would cost us Canadian control over electricity.
- 7 **Loss of hope for the environment** Environmentalists have found it difficult to be heard about the ecological costs of Ontario's existing electricity generation and consumption. Privatization, deregulation and loss of sovereignty would close the door indefinitely on hopes for clean, accountable electrical utilities. The private power corporations waiting for a cheap sell-off of Ontario's generating plants include some of North America's worst polluters.

Following California's deregulation disaster, 22 states shelved deregulation plans. We, the citizens of Ontario, are losing control of Ontario's electricity, an essential resource, and giving it over to private (for profit) interests. Time is running out but it's not too late to stop this. Call, fax, or write your MPP and voice your concerns. Tell your friends, relatives and business people to do the same. For more information go to the OEC website at www.electricitycoalition.org. To sign an on-line petition at the website, click on *What you can do*.

Patricia Carson

MINDING YOUR MONEY by Chuck Carr

Safeguarding Your Money From Fraud and Mismanagement Sometimes minding your money means protecting it from criminals or your own unwise use of money. Seniors are prime targets for the unscrupulous!

Never underestimate the ingenuity of people who make their living conning people out of their hard-earned savings! Remember that the “con” in con artist derives from “convincing.” Con artists project an image of honesty and trustworthiness. If they didn’t, they wouldn’t be successful. If a stranger seems too accommodating, beware!

Here are a number of guidelines to help you *mind your money*:

- NEVER withdraw money from a bank account to help a “bank inspector” for any reason. Banks don’t operate that way. Always check with your bank if approached by a stranger to withdraw funds.
- Automatic Teller Machines (ATM): When you are using an ATM or debit card terminal, be sure to shield the screen from onlookers who might capture your PIN. ATM fraud is increasing exponentially. Organized crime employs sensors that can capture your account numbers and PIN using wireless technology.
- Unknown Contacts: Never order or purchase anything from an unknown source. Be especially wary of people who phone you to inform you that you have just won a prize. If it seems too good to be true, it is.
- Beware of salespeople who do not provide written information and are reluctant to do so. Seniors living alone often engage door-to-door salespeople because it provides a social experience and is convenient. This can be very costly if you don’t exercise caution.
- Beware of “specials” on roof repairs, driveway replacements, new windows and doors and other major repairs by companies that “are in the neighbourhood.” Always obtain a second or third opinion on major purchases. It pays to shop around.
- Beware of advisors who guarantee high returns with little or no risk, or people who imply that they have “inside knowledge.”
- Beware of products found only on the “web” or TV. These media are rapidly becoming the genre of preference for con artists or substandard products.

Credit Card Mistakes Here are some common credit card mistakes.

- **Not Valuing Your Credit.** A good credit rating is a valuable commodity in today’s society. A bad credit rating is a serious liability and can come back to haunt you in later life - especially when using credit is the only way that you can make a major purchase like a house or car. Avoid making late payments and over-extending short-term credit. Explain the implications of this costly mistake to your children and grandchildren.
- **Letting Status Cloud Your Judgment** Credit card companies target people’s desire to have the best of everything. Status cards, (e.g., gold, platinum) usually have higher credit limits and higher annual fees but often offer features available already on the lower status cards.
- **Raising Credit Card Limits** A low credit card limit makes you think twice before you buy. An increased credit card limit is a temptation to buy beyond your means.
- **Misplacing Your Credit Card** Consider your credit card as “cash,” because in the hands of criminals it is. Losing or misplacing a credit card is a serious mistake. Treat your cards in the same manner as you do your cash.
- **Credit Card Numbers** Don’t give your credit card number over the phone unless you are dealing with a reputable firm.
- **Stretching Out a Loan to Get Lower Payments** Stretching out an instalment loan to get lower monthly payments increases your total interest charges. If you cannot afford the monthly payments, then it is likely that you shouldn’t be making the purchase.
- **Not Knowing Your Interest Rate and Fees** Credit card interest on overdue payments varies among credit cards. Always determine the interest rates and fees before accepting a credit card. These problems may be avoided by paying your monthly balance when due.

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- **Withdrawing Money (Cash Advance) Using your Credit Card** Using your credit card to obtain money is taking out a loan. Credit card interest rates run about 18% vs bank loans at 8%. Consider opening a line of credit with your bank. It's much cheaper than credit card cash advances. If you chronically run out of money each month, you should really be reviewing your monthly budget and impulse purchases.

Budgeting Finally, if you are experiencing trouble minding your money, remember the importance of having a budget. Here is a guideline to budgeting. Avoid spending more than the following percentages of your monthly income on:

Housing	35%
Transportation	20%
Debt	15%
Savings	10%
Other (This provides some flexibility)	20%

SUMMARY OF OTPPB REPORT TO RTO/ERO DISTRICT 16 INFORMATION MEETING **APRIL 16, 2002**

Service provided in 2001:

- more than 84,000 pensioners
- 2nd highest number of pension inceptions in 2001 (7,693) - record was 1998, when 85 factor begun
- 132,000 phone calls in 2001, a 31% increase in calls over 2000
- 38,000 pension estimates last year, 545% more than in 2000
- sent 151,000 personal benefit statements, 60% of those were based on current school year information
- 129,000 member service requests were received, 140% more than in 2000

Changes introduced in 2001 included:

- improved pensions at age 65
- earlier retirement age with a reduced pension at age 50
- a 10 year guarantee for members' pensions
- a permanent 85 factor
- improvements for 11,400 existing pensions now based on best 5 years' average salary
- simplified buy backs for leaves of absence

On the investment side:

- After a decade of strong positive results, the pension plan's rate of return for 2001 was negative 2.3%, compared with an average 9.7 percent per year over the last five years.
- At the end of 2001, net assets were \$69.5 billion, down from \$73.1 billion in 2000.
- Including the negative return in 2001, our rate of return has averaged 11.7 percent per year since 1990.
- The return was a full 3 percent better than the composite benchmark of negative 5.3 percent.
- At year-end, 60 percent of the plan's assets were invested in equities.
- We paid 3.1 billion dollars in pension benefits to you in 2001.
- One-third of all retired teachers are now under the age of 60.
- In 1970, there were 10 active members for each retired teacher. Today, the ratio is 2:1.

FRIENDS OF THE SESQUICENTENNIAL MUSEUM

Once again, The Friends of the Sesquicentennial Museum will hold a **Book Sale** in October. If you are clearing out your bookshelves, garage, etc., and would like to donate books, records, tapes, call **Arlene Freeman** at 416.630.3672. Please put the books in bags... it's easier to carry.

WEBSITE-UPDATE NOTIFICATION SERVICE

Toronto District provides a website (www.rto-ero16.org) where members with Internet service are able to view timely information about Head Office and District 16. Over 50 members currently receive a brief summary of changes to the website which is updated almost monthly. If you would like to join this service, go to our website and contact the Webmaster or send an email to info@rto-ero16.org. If you chose to receive this service, your email address is restricted to this use only by the Webmaster. *IT IS NOT SHARED WITH OTHERS – INCLUDING OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS.* You will receive a brief description of what has been posted and you choose to access the information - or not.

CONSTITUTION CHANGES

RTO/ERO has requested all districts to adopt the calendar year as the fiscal year. Toronto District will be presenting some constitutional changes to the October Annual General Meeting to reflect this and other timely changes. Watch for the September Newsletter as Notice of Motion and summary of changes. Since we cannot afford to send every member a copy of the changes, they will be available for perusal prior to the meeting, as well as on our website. Subscribers to the Website-Update Notification Service will be informed of the posting. We are also changing the format of the AGM so that members will not feel they have to pay for a luncheon in order to take part in the business of the organization.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - EDUCATORS' BUILD

In our last issue, we pointed out District 16's support for this endeavour in the amount of \$2000. We remind you of this and encourage your individual support. Receipts will be issued for donations greater than \$10. Stipulate on your cheque that it is designated to the *Educators' Build Fund*. **Make cheques payable to:**

**Metropolitan Toronto Habitat For Humanity
at 29 Bermondsey Road, Toronto, ON M4B 1Z7**

**EDUCATORS' BUILD
METROPOLITAN TORONTO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Cheques, payable to Metropolitan Toronto Habitat for Humanity: Educators' Build, may be sent to:
Metropolitan Toronto Habitat for Humanity
29 Bermondsey Road
Toronto, Ontario M4B 1Z7

PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION OF :

\$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$200 \$500 \$ _____

To make monthly contributions, please call the Toronto Habitat office at (416) 755-7353.

Name: _____ **Address:** _____

City: _____ **Province:** _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Telephone: Home _____ **Work** _____ **e-mail:** _____

School/Institution: _____

- I am able to volunteer time.
- I am able to provide publicity through my community group, service club, faith group, or business.
- I am able to donate building materials.
- I would like an application for simple, decent housing.

RTO/ERO TORONTO DISTRICTS SURVEY

In this issue is an every-member survey (4 pages). This survey is also being distributed to other City of Toronto Districts (D22-Etobicoke/York, D23-North York, D24-Scarborough/East York). Please complete it and return as soon as possible. A high return rate ensures more accurate interpretation of members' needs.

As we indicated in past issues, the four Toronto Districts have been attempting to streamline membership recruitment activities. This has become rather awkward with the creation of the Toronto District School Board.

Additionally, the Toronto Districts are seeking input from their own members regarding what services each district might best offer. For example, Toronto District has a Fall and Spring Luncheon - most recently held at the Old Mill. Up until this April, attendance had been dropping for unknown reasons: cost?, location? no interest? The Old Mill has also told us that the cost of the Luncheon will be going up - perhaps to \$30 or so.

We need to know what the preferences of our growing membership are so that we can plan for the next few years. Please complete the survey so that we may help you better.

TORONTO DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD HEALTH PREMIUMS

A number of our members have retained their health benefits coverage through the Toronto District School Board. Other retired educators have done this while not seeing the need to join RTO/ERO. The premiums that retirees pay are the same as those paid by employees. The TDSB has indicated to bargaining units that they will be re-interpreting the current language of their contracts that allows retirees to maintain their health benefits *AT NO COST TO THE BOARD*. The new interpretation (already in effect in the Toronto Catholic District School Board and almost all other boards across the province) is to segment the retiree group, establish a premium based on the usage of that group and charge premiums accordingly. In our experience, this results in a significant increase in premium cost to the retiree.

The TDSB has not moved on this matter - yet. We will try to keep you informed as much as possible about developments in this area. When changes are implemented, one has 60 days to obtain coverage under another plan without the need for a physical evaluation. Watch for information (another reason for using our Website-Update Notification Service) and let non-RTO/ERO members know of this potential development so that they can prepare. They can get information from our website, too.

SO YOU DON'T WANT OUR NEWSLETTER, EH?

Some members have declined to receive their newsletter. Our database for producing the mailing labels has had some difficulties recently and this may mean you have received this issue in error. If this is the case, please communicate in writing to **Bill Menagh**, 674 Oriole Parkway, Toronto ON M4R 2C5.

SUBSCRIBERS' RENEWAL FORM

In this newsletter (*next page*) is a form for those ***non-District 16 members*** who, or wish to, subscribe to our newsletter. If you wish to renew/start a subscription, please complete and forward as soon as possible. By the way, because of our database difficulties mentioned above, some of our subscribers may not have received this issue. If you are one of those subscribers, call **Bill Menagh** at 416-488-3372 to correct the problem. Will all those absent, please raise their hands.

DISTRICT 16 NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION FORM

If you are **NOT** a RTO/ERO District 16 - Toronto Member (Members receive their Newsletter automatically), and:

- A) wish to *continue* receiving our Newsletter on a subscription basis with the November, 2002 Issue being your first of four issues; or,
- B) wish to *start* receiving our Newsletter on a subscription basis with the September, 2002 Issue being your first of five issues;

complete this form and send it to:

Bill Menagh, District 16 Membership Chair, 674 Oriole Parkway, Toronto ON M4R 2C5

NOTE CAREFULLY: All subscriptions are being moved to a September - May publication year. Current subscribers will be charged \$8.00 for 4 issues (November/May) and new subscribers will be charged \$10 for 5 issues (September/May). Note that our Newsletter is available at no charge at www.rto-ero16.org. An email notification of its posting can be arranged.

NAME: _____ Phone: _____

ADDRESS: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: (Check one) Make cheque payable to: RTO/ERO District 16

\$0 (I'll get it myself on the web) \$8 (I'm renewing my subscription) \$10 (I'm a new subscriber)

Please notify me by email when the Newsletter has been posted on your website:

EMAIL me at: _____

NEWS FROM SPADINA ROAD – RTO/ERO HEAD OFFICE

RTO/ERO VIDEO

Your Toronto District Representatives (two each from Etobicoke/York, North York, Scarborough/East York, Toronto) had the opportunity to view the new marketing video produced for RTO/ERO Districts. The video is to be used to point out the value of joining RTO/ERO – specifically in the area of protecting pension rights. The video is about 7 minutes and has been produced in VHS format. Shortly, it will be available in digital format. This will permit the video to be viewed on the Internet (we'll provide a link from our website when it is available). Also, the digital version will make it easier to produce a CD and distribute it on request to interested parties.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Effective April 15, 2002 RTO/ERO Office Hours at the Provincial Office are from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

SUMMER HOURS

From July 12 to August 23, 2002, the Provincial Office will close on Fridays at 12:30 pm. The office will be closed from Monday July 29 to Friday, August 2, 2002.

SUPPORT FOR ACTIVE TEACHERS

Until further notice, RTO/ERO has ceased advertising in the publications of the Ontario College of Teachers.

OTF/OSSTF DISPUTE

By the time you read this, the results of the Appeal Court's Ruling may have been announced. Check www.otffeo.on.ca or www.osstf.on.ca from time-to-time for breaking news.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOHN WANLESS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Date: Saturday, June 1, 2002
Time: 11:00am to 3:00pm
Place: 245 Fairlawn Avenue

Staff and students, past and present, are invited to join this special celebration.

ALLENBY PUBLIC SCHOOL 75TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

Date: Saturday, June 8, 2002
Time: 11:00 am to 1:30 pm
Contact: 416-481-1342 or the website [html://schools.tdsb.on.ca/allenby/75thanniversary](http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/allenby/75thanniversary)

8TH ANNUAL SCREW THE BELL GOLF TOURNAMENT

This annual event will once again take place on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 3, 2002 at the Harbour View Golf and Country Club in Gilford, Ontario. The Tournament has been very well attended in the past few years, so don't be late in booking your foursome. Please indicate if you wish to play a Scramble or Medal play format.

COST: \$50.00 per person (includes green fees, lunch, prizes)
TIME: 10:00 am "School Bell Start"

Send cheque *before June 30, 2002* to either:

Jim Christie, 109 Lakeshore Rd E, Oro Station L0L 2E0

John Degraaf, 55-604 Museum Dr, Orillia L3V 7T9

WESTERN TECHNICAL COMMERCIAL SCHOOL 75TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Advance Notice – May 9 and 10, 2003

TSSAA REUNION, 2003

Advance Notice: The committee organizing this event is seeking former members and friends. What type of event would attract most attendees? How can former members be contacted? Please tell anyone you know about this event.

Contact: TSSAA REUNION 2003
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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Did you know that a Power of Attorney is only effective *while you are alive* – immediately upon your passing, the Power of Attorney is invalid. *Upon your death, only your will protects your wishes.*

ANNUAL MEETING FORMAT CHANGE

In the past, our AGM was held at our Fall Luncheon. We are going to try to change this format to a program similar to that of the recent Spring Luncheon. That is, have an open, information session in the morning with a topical speaker (perhaps Karen O'Connell from Johnson, again) dovetailing with aspects of the business of the organization. Light refreshments supplied. This would be followed by a Luncheon for those who chose to participate.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our new members who have joined us since January, 2002. We trust that our District will be useful to you. Please consider joining our activities as a participant or a leader.

James E. Ashenhurst
George F. Baran
Jana Berka
Raymond A. Bernys
Jeff Bloom
Sondra Bolton
Keith R. Bonnyman
Carleton Brown
Linda Brown
Trevor C. Brown
Jean A. E. Butterill
Linda J. Carson
Diane Crawford
Peter Cromien
David Cummins
Mary Currell
Carolyn D'Atri
Jacynthe M. Dallarrie
E Susan Davey
Adrienne De Paolis
John Defazio
James G. Devine
Patricia Dineen

Suzana Dozsa
Rex Elysee-Collen
Debbie Fishman
Frances Gattie
Jane Glassco-Davis
Luciano Grosso
Alan G. Harkness
Marilou M. Hockin
Derek W. Holloway
Janet J. Hood
Alan Hunt
Stefanie A. Irwin
Hannah Jones
Edith E. Kady
Lillian J. Kanary
Teresa Koch
Hendrikje Kolkman
Valerie Kuhn
Janet Lamonaca-Zopfi
Geoffrey Le Breton
Marilyn J. Leeds
Lucille Mandeville
Helen E. Marshall

Susan R. Martin
Patricia Maslan
Nadya M. McCart
Ross McClure
Wendy Murchie
Sharon L. Nault
Daniel O'Neill
Julie J. Pearce
David M. Prowse
Eileen Richman
Bruce L. Robinson
Donna Sawchuk
Margaret Shutka
Nevenka Smoljo
Gert Spring
Mary C. Staples
Margaret Styles
Marion J. Teal
D Thimirajah
Richard Thomson
Robert Tistechok
Norma J. Vanderson
Frances Weintrop

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.

Donna Marie Aberle
Peter J. Briggs
Jean Cameron
Catherine Denholm
John J. Malone
Mildred Moyle
Isabel A. Russell
George Waschuk

Margaret P. Ball
Hilda Ruth Brown
Cecil J. Cushnie
Gertrude M. Fatt
Lois L. McCullagh
Terry Prosper
Sylvia Blanche Staines
Robert W. Wilson

Katharine A. Boomer
Arthur Bussey
Mary J. Deck
John E. Ford
Helen Morton
Mabel Rowan
Ida A. Stubbs