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President's Message ~ Valerie Mah



It must have been the threat of another storm this winter that brought almost forty members and friends out to hear about **Dick and Marilyn Holyer's** "Cactus Caper in Arid-zona". What a delightful and informative visit that also brought out some new folk. Dick and Marilyn are the dynamic duo who convene the Travelogue for those of us who are not able to escape this winter to warmer climates or ski slopes. To top off the afternoon, Marilyn likes to bake or find snacks from the site we are visiting.

Both our movie groups have managed to choose movies that ended up on the award circuits which is a thrill to our Friday evening and/or Monday afternoon movie-goers.

Look also for **Jack DeGroot's** Day Trips. He has been able to add two additional buses for two of his upcoming trips.

A big thank you to those of you who joined us to celebrate the Year of the Rat. 340 people helped us to raise additional funds for TEOF (Toronto Educational Opportunity Fund) to provide upwards of \$100,000 yearly to the Toronto District School Board for child nutrition. A cheque for \$75,583.00 was presented to Mr. John Campbell, Chair of the School Board and Catherine Moraes, Executive Director of the Toronto Foundation for Student Success by Dr. McKeown, Chair of TEOF. Their next Golf Tournament will be at Nobleton Lakes Golf Course on July 24, 2008.

From February 16 until March 1, the 65th annual Kiwanis Festival was
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Dates To Remember ~ 2008

Craft Show (2008) ~	November 18
District 16 AGM ~	May 6
District 16 Spring Luncheon ~	May 6
Executive Meetings ~	Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8
Fall Luncheon ~	November 18
Newsletter Deadlines ~	May 1, Sep 1, Nov 1
Newsletter Mailings ~	May 29, Sep 25, Nov 27
New Member Breakfast ~	October 21
Retirement Planning Workshop ~	April 16
Toronto Choristers' Spring Concert ~	May 21

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Recreation/Social ~ Carmelita Salazar



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Spring is here and we look forward to lovely wonderful sunny weather from now on! For those who have not joined us yet in our social activities designed for you, now is your chance to come and bring a friend to our numerous outings - whether it be a movie, a chance to draw, read a book, go for a walk or, perhaps, attend our wonderful travelogue presentations!

Our social arm offers activities under the leadership of volunteer conveners. The Bridge, Crafts and Travelogue programs meet at St. Margaret's Anglican Church (Avenue Road and Burnaby Blvd. one block north of Eglinton - street parking or parking lot one block west of Avenue Rd. just north of Eglinton and Castleknock Rd.).

Remember, you are always welcome to attend and join us for a game of bridge, or make a quilt or knit something to exercise those fingers. Golf is starting soon as well!


Our activities are based upon the interest of our members. Please contact me if you are interested in forming a group.


Here is the schedule of the different activities held at St. Margaret's Church for the next few months:


Program	Date	Time	Convenor/Phone
April 2008			
Bridge	April 1, 15, 29	1:00pm	John Lane/416.486.0697
Crafts	April 22	1:30pm	Bernice Iles/416.651.4378
Travelogue	April 23	1:30pm	The Holyers/416.929.8512 Dick and Marilyn Holyer host Brian Jarvis' London, Dublin and Edinburgh. (See details on Page 22)
May 2008			
Bridge	May 6, 20	1:00pm	John Lane/416.486.0697
Crafts	May 27	1:30pm	Bernice Iles/416.651.4378
Travelogue	May 21	1:30pm	The Holyers/416.929.8512 Dick and Marilyn Holyer host Val and Dennis Feidler's Alaskan excursion. (See details on Page 24)

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Groups meeting at St. Margaret's include:


 **Bridge** is becoming quite popular. Convenor **John Lane** (416.486.0697) invites everyone including beginners. They play a friendly game and would be happy to have more. They start at 1:00pm and play the first, third and fifth Tuesday of each month starting October.

 Our **Crafts** group meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month from September to June (except in December). **Bernice Iles** (416.651.4378) invites you to join her group "to keep your fingers nimble and your mind sharp".

 The monthly **Travelogue**, hosted by **Dick and Marilyn Holyer** (416.929.8512) is our most popular and well attended event on the last Wednesday of the month. It's always a delightful experience to be part of this group! Amazing and incredible plus those decadent treats! Contact Dick or Marilyn if you have program to offer!

The following groups meet at various sites:

 **ART/SKETCH GROUP** ~ The sketch group usually meets on the third Thursday of the month, depending on what we have decided to do. In March we met at Alan Gardens to draw in the greenhouse. It gave us the taste of spring we all need. We decide each month what to do the next month. In the winter we sometimes draw in a museum or at the Heliconian Club where we can draw from a nude model, or go to a lecture at the Women's Art Institute. Last month there was a lecture on Bruegel. In the good weather we try to draw outside followed by lunch or coffee. Contact **Anita Davies** at 416.531.3408 or email: ajdaoust@sympatico.ca.

 **BOOK CLUB** - Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month from 1:00 - 3:00pm from the Monday after Labour Day to June. The group selects a different author each month. They have a wonderful social following their discussions. The upcoming selections are:

April	Three Day Road	Joseph Boyden
May	Suite Francais	Irene Nemirovsky
June	Consolation	Michael Redhill

For further information please call **Joan Johnston** at 416. 691. 5368 or **Elaine MacIntosh** at 416.463.2637

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held in venues across the city. It was an honour and thrill to emcee elementary and secondary choirs for 2½ days; even spotting two former pupils in the Riverdale Collegiate choir. Many volunteers who support the Kiwanis during the festival are former teachers so this may be something you might consider doing next year. Volunteers assist the adjudicators, act as receptionists and have a chance to hear some of the best performances. With increased prep time, many schools have full or part time music teachers to deliver prep and the results are exciting. Some countries, having made music mandatory, have noticed a considerable change in the student population and attitudes.

Our deadline for the Health and Wellness series was Friday, February 29 and as of that date, we were up to 28 participants. The presenters have been asked to share their expertise in future issues of our Newsletter.

Your Executive members are extremely dedicated attending monthly Executive Meetings and corresponding meetings with the four districts and the province. A Retirement Planning Workshop was held on March 1 at the Maanoogian Centre in Scarborough. **Tom Caster, Wally Friesen, Bill Menagh** and myself assisted from Toronto. **Bob Neal and Carmelita Salazar** attended a provincial workshop for membership committee chairs in March with other membership chairs from across the province. In June, Bill Menagh, who is on the Provincial Communication Committee, will be joined by **Ian Baird** at a provincial meeting downtown. We thank **Ian, Bill and Paul Rowney** for all their work as editors of our newsletter and we have had many comments about the improved pictures and format. With the upcoming Annual General Meeting, you might want to consider joining some of us on the Executive (see vacant positions in our Supplement). We don't pay any wages but the camaraderie makes up for it.

Mark your calendars now as a reminder to attend District 16's Annual General Meeting at the Old Mill on Tuesday, May 6, 2008. **Provincial President Brian Kenney** will be our guest along with the presidents from the other three Toronto districts. We are thrilled to announce that our guest speaker for the AGM will be **Susan Eng**, former Chair of the Toronto Police Services Board and newly appointed Vice-President of Advocacy for the Canadian Association of Retired Persons. She will bring greetings from Moses Znaimer, the Executive Director for CARP who hopes to make our lives even more fun and exciting with his focus on *Zoomers*, a high-style, upscale publication replacing CARP magazine. It is our tradition to invite as our guests, those members turning 75 during the year. We will also be celebrating the 35th anniversary of our District's formation and the 40th anniversary of the provincial organization with gifts to


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everyone who attends. Why not pick up the phone and take 'old' buddy to the Old Mill. If they are turning 75, they will be our guest. If you are turning 75 and receive one of our invitations and need a ride, please let Bob and Barb Putnam know and we will try to arrange a ride. It's always great to see former colleagues. Don't be shy! I just celebrated my 70th birthday and I can't wait until I get my free lunch in five years!!

With thanks to many, **Valerie Mah** 

Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan News ~ OTTP

 Most RTO/ERO Toronto members taught in the Toronto Catholic or Toronto District School Boards. Teachers in Designated Private Schools (listed below) may also join since they, too, benefit from the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan. Some also retire from the French language Boards: Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud and Conseil scolaire de district du Centre Sud-Ouest. If you know some of these educators, let them know about RTO/ERO.

The Bishop Strachan School

The Mabin School

Branksome Hall

Montcrest School

The Anne & Max Tanenbaum

Peoples Christian Academy

Community Hebrew Academy
of Toronto

Royal St. George's College

Crescent School

Sterling Hall School of Toronto

Greenwood College School

St. Clement's School


Havergal College

The University of Toronto Schools


Leonardo Da Vinci Academy


Upper Canada College

The York School

NOTE: the OTTP will announce its 2007 growth on April 1, 2008. 

RTO/ERO Benefits Update


 In mid-February, you should have received your tax statement from Johnson Inc. for the premiums paid for your RTO/ERO Benefits in 2007 and the difference between the amount billed and reimbursed. Both the cost of premiums and the amount not reimbursed can be claimed on your tax return.

Can you help? Retirees who continue to purchase their **Health Insurance from The Toronto District School Board or the Toronto Catholic District School Board** may be receiving notices regarding changes in their benefits and/or premiums. Since we try to keep our comparison documents up to date, it would be appreciated if we received a copy of those changes. Please contact Bill Menagh (416.488.3372) if you can help. 

RTO/ERO Developments

RTO/ERO Toronto District 16




- that RTO/ERO District 16 advertise the **New Members' Breakfast** in a joint communication with the other three Toronto Districts;
- that the Toronto Districts support a **Wellness Seminar** and provide up to \$1,500 for expenses;
- that the President and Communications chair be authorized to spend up to \$3,500 for **promotional items** recognizing RTO/ERO's 40th and Toronto District's 35th Anniversaries to be distributed at the Spring and Fall Luncheons, the New Member Breakfast and the Annual General Meeting;
- that **J. Bratton** and **B. Menagh** be assigned to seek a clarification of Benefits Premiums' share of RTO/ERO's organizational expenses;
- that a message of recognition be sent to those members who have been RTO/ERO members for 40 and 35 years;
- agreed to seek permission from **Health Seminar Workshop** presenters to include some of their presentations in the Newsletter;
- that budget for 2008-2009 be presented to the AGM for its approval;
- received the February **Treasurer's Report:** January 1, 2008 to February 9, 2008: Assets - \$51,000; Income - \$0.00; Expenses - \$2,448.19. 
(See Supplement for 2007 Financial Statement.)

RTO/ERO Provincial Office




- RTO/ERO writes to the Prime Minister indicating support of its provincial government in ensuring that Ontario has fair representation in Canada (background: the Federal Government has proposed new riding boundaries that appear to gerrymander those boundaries to limit new representation from Ontario while inflating representation from the western Canada Conservative base);
 - RTO/ERO now has 60,000+ members;
 - a new Communications Associate, **Renée Mercuri**, has been hired to provide high level assistance to **Simon Leibovitz** in the areas of communications and technology;
 - **Kimberly (Kim) Williams** has been hired as new Administrative Assistant, Communications; (both new staff bring valued experience in modern communications to enhance RTO/ERO's service to its growing membership.);
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- That Canadian Association of Retired Teachers (ACER-CART) lobby the Federal Government to establish a national childcare program that is affordable, accountable and accessible.
- As part of RTO/ERO's new Marketing Plan adopted by the Provincial Executive late last year and being implemented this year, there are nine key branding statements that attempt to capture the uniqueness of RTO/ERO in its offering and delivery of programs and services to members.
 1. RTO/ERO is "*Here for You Now... Here for Your Future*"
 2. RTO/ERO is the official voice of and lead organization for retired teachers in the province of Ontario.
 3. RTO/ERO provides a full range of programs and services for its members.
 4. RTO/ERO provides comprehensive, competitive and affordable health plans, owned and managed by its members.
 5. While providing outstanding service to its member for 40 years, RTO/ERO is committed to continuous quality improvement.
 6. RTO/ERO advocates on a variety of political and social issues on behalf of its members and seniors in general.
 7. RTO/ERO stands for pension protection and support.
 8. RTO/ERO, through its District structure, provides social and networking opportunities for its members.
 9. RTO/ERO is a caring and compassionate organization that provides goodwill support to members, and philanthropic programs to benefit members and their families, and their communities.
- Approved that a donation of \$10,000 be made in support of the Spirit of Mandela Celebration and presented at the Blue Jays game in 2008, and taken from the Contingency fund.
- Approved that RTO/ERO's membership fee to be paid for 2007-2008 based on \$0.25 per Full and Associate member, and according to membership figures as of September 1, 2007. 



RTO/ERO Toronto Districts (16, 22, 23, 24)

- has completed two of three Retirement Planning Workshops (RPWs) serving more than 140 educators;
- the last RPW workshop this season will be at Don Bosco school on Wednesday, April 16, let your friends currently teaching know - registration forms available on our website;
- all Districts in Toronto now have Spring AGMs thus providing for easier co-ordination of joint activities and resulting expenses. 

Minding Your Money ~ Chuck Carr



Registered Disability Savings Plan

The federal government is slowly and systematically addressing the needs of low income and disabled Canadians. The new Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) with its associated Canada Disability Savings Grant (CDSG) and Canada Disability Savings Bonds (CDSB) address both groups as of 2008.

What is a Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)? The RDSP is a new plan that is scheduled to come into effect in 2008 which will allow funds to be invested tax free until withdrawn to support a disabled person. It is intended to help parents and other interested parties to save for the long-term financial needs of a disabled person. The plan is similar in some ways to a registered educational savings plan (RESP), but is far more flexible.

Who is Eligible? To qualify as a beneficiary for an RDSP, disabled people must be eligible to claim the disability tax credit (DTC) on their tax return, must be a resident of Canada and have a valid SIN. Having a CRA T2201 Disability Form completed by a medical practitioner or other approved person must take place first.

Who May Contribute? The RDSP is much more flexible than a registered educational savings plan (RESP) which requires a blood relationship between the beneficiary and the contributor. Anyone or any corporation may contribute to a RDSP. The lifetime maximum of contributions to a RDSP is \$200,000 and there is no annual limit to contributions. Contributions will be permitted until the beneficiary reaches age 59.

What is a Registered Disability Savings Grant (RDSG)? Like the Canadian Educational Savings Grant (CESG) associated with an RESP, the federal government will augment the RDSP by providing a registered disability savings grant (RDSG) of 100% to 300% of the RDSP contributions up to \$3,500 per year and limited to \$70,000 in total. The amounts are determined by the net income of the beneficiary's family and payable until the beneficiary reaches age 49.

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When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

What is a Registered Disability Savings Bond (RDSB)? This is a new concept designed to support low income families. The federal government will provide up to \$1,000 annually in Canada Disability Savings Bonds (CDSB) depending upon the net income of the beneficiary's family. These bonds may be applied for using the RDSB form available on the CRA website.

Investment Issues Like an RESP, the funds must be invested in securities eligible for RRSP plans. Considering that the funds will be withdrawn at some future date in most cases and taxed in the hands of the beneficiary, it is important to invest in tax-efficient securities that pay investment returns as capital gains. As soon as the details are released after the new 2008 budget, investment institutions will provide RDSP plans like RESPs.

Where can I get more information about RDSPs, etc? Go to www.cra.arc.gc.ca/agency/budget/2007/rdsp-e.html. 

Editor's Note: Chuck is a certified income tax specialist, licenced mutual fund advisor and a retirement specialist. He was an auditor in chartered accountancy before becoming a teacher. He would be pleased to assist if you have questions about finances, taxes or managing retirement. There is no charge for this service. Chuck may be reached at charles.carr@sympatico.ca or at 416.491.2921.

CAUTION: Beware of the glib ads selling dreams! We STRONGLY discourage any thought of obtaining **Reverse Mortgages**. There are cheaper alternatives without the potential loss of your home. *Editors*

PUNACIOUS THOUGHTS

A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

Dijon vu - the same mustard as before

Practice safe eating - always use condiments.

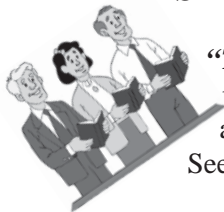
Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.


Those who jump off a bridge in Paris must be in Seine

A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.


A hangover is the wrath of grapes. 

SPRING LUNCHEON ENTERTAINMENT



"The After Dinner Mints" is a choral ensemble made up mostly of retired people - many former teachers, singing a variety of songs: Broadway, popular, spiritual, folk, etc. See Page 15 for AGM and Luncheon details. 

RTO/ERO Scholarship Program ~ 2008

 The Retired Teachers of Ontario/les enseignantes et enseignants retraites de l'Ontario Scholarship Program awards up to 25 individual scholarships annually of \$1 000 each. These scholarships are intended to encourage and provide financial assistance to applicants who are pursuing full-time or part-time careers in teaching from an accredited teacher training facility.

Eligibility

To be eligible, a student must be:

- enrolled in a full or part-time program which will lead directly to a career in teaching in Canada,
- a resident Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant,
- a child, grand-child, niece, nephew, grandniece, grandnephew, son-in-law, daughters-in-law or step child of an RTO/ERO member.


Please note that this scholarship program is intended to only assist applicants pursuing a career in teaching from an accredited teacher training facility. Examples of eligible programs include concurrent BA/BEd university programs and programs leading to BEd qualification.

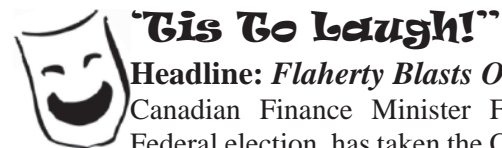
Application Process

To be considered for one of the Scholarships, eligible students must:

- **Apply on line** by completing the 2008 Scholarship Application.
- **Applications only available at the RTO/ERO website - www.rto-ero.org/.**

On-line applications will not be electronically forwarded to Provincial Office if all requested information is not provided.


Applications received after the close of business on Tuesday, July 15, 2008, will be considered late and not eligible for consideration. *The decision of the Project - STO Committee is final and not subject to appeal.* 



"Gis To Laugh!"

Headline: Flaherty Blasts Ontario

Canadian Finance Minister Flaherty, preparing for the next Federal election, has taken the Ontario government to task over its perceived high taxation of business.

Comment: This from a member of the Harris regime in Ontario when taxes were cut and public education, health care, infrastructure, welfare (to name a few) were perceived by many to have been run into the ground. And we're still trying to recover! 

RTO/ERO TORONTO ANNUAL CRAFT/ARTISANS' SHOW

Mary Ann Fedchak and her committee are again organizing our Craft/Artisans' Show. If you would like to participate in this activity, complete the form below and forward it as indicated. A copy of this form will appear on our website and in subsequent Newsletters as space permits.

This event, at The Old Mill, will take place on **Tuesday, November 18, 2008** from about 10:00am to 2:00pm. Set-up details will be sent separately to registrants. There is room for 30 participants. Space will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Should multiple Registration Forms arrive on the same date, post-mark dates will determine order of receipt. A waiting list will be kept should a registrant drop out. *There is a requirement that participants register for the Fall Luncheon (a subsidized cost of about \$25).*

Photos of previous Craft Shows are available on our website - www.rtoerotorontodistricts.org. A list of participants will be published in our September Newsletter.

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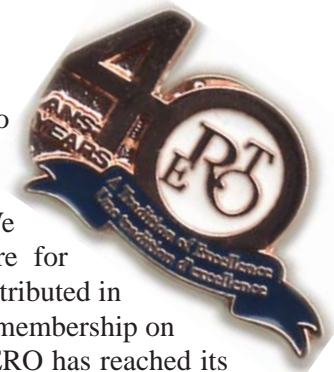
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Product Description: _____

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OUR NEWSLETTER'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY



While RTO/ERO and RTO/ERO Toronto District 16 celebrate their 40th and 35th Anniversaries respectively, our District Newsletter has entered its Thirtieth Year. We have reproduced the original Newsletter here for your interest. Although the first edition was distributed in 1978, there had been notices and letters to the membership on specific matters from 1968 to 1973. As RTO/ERO has reached its 60,000 membership, District 16 approaches 4,000 members.

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NEWSLETTER

S.T.O. DISTRICT 16 TORONTO

January, 1979.

And a Happy New Year to you, too!

Our chief purpose in this Newsletter is to let you know how your organization is functioning - so here are a few gleanings from various areas.

EXECUTIVE NEWS

At the General Meeting in October, Laura Schissler assumed office as President, and Harry Barrett relaxed into the role of Past President. Our congratulations, and our thanks to both of them.

At the Executive meeting in November, President Laura introduced the new Chairman of the Programme Committee for District 16, Gertrude Allen. Our special thanks go to Gertrude, who has taken on a difficult assignment.

As in past years, a grant has been made from the funds of District 16 to Club 16, to help with the expenses of operating the Interest Groups.

At the November Executive meeting, it was announced, from the Treasurer's Report, that paid-up memberships in District 16 for 1978-79 are 565.
63 members have offered to help with Mailing, and 18 have offered to help with Phoning. Their kindness and their help are much appreciated.

At the Executive Meeting in October, a visit was received from Mr Walter Lavender - of the Volunteer Centre of Metropolitan Toronto Senior VIP Service. He wanted you to know about the Senior VIP Service, which was founded in 1973, and presents opportunities for retired persons to use their skills and their expertise in volunteer work. He said that people looking for outlets for their energy and interests might call him at Harbourfront, where he is a Part-time Consultant. The number is 364-7127, Extension 52., or call 923-4477.

At the S.T.O. Senate meeting held in October, 1978, your representatives were President Laura Schissler, Past-President Harry Barrett, and Vice-President Cecil Longmuir.

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Our past editors [Harold Tufts* - 1974/75, Murray Dobson* - 1975/77, Mattie Clark* - 1977/79, Gertrude Allen* - 1979/80, Mary Thomas - 1980/85, Phil Hornick* - 1985/88, Mary Noylander - 1988/00, Ruth Lindsay* - 1993/98, Paul Rowney - 2000/05] have worked with changing technologies over the years to keep members informed. Ian Baird, a current editor, has served on the Newsletter committee since 1993. The current editorial committee consists of Ian, Paul Rowney and Bill Menagh.

The Newsletter is processed for mailing by a cadre of about 35-40 members under the guidance of Arlene Freeman. They handle about 200kg of material every publication date. Originally, processing included folding Newsletters, labelling, stamping, stuffing, sealing envelopes for about 500 items. The current process includes only stuffing and sealing about 4,000 envelopes - a task accomplished in about 2 hours. Come and join us!

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S.T.O. SENATE NEWS	
The Executive of S.T.O. is - Past-President, Robert Hopkins; President, Gabrielle Leveseur; First Vice-Pres, David Tough; Second Vice-Pres, Margaret Drago; Executive Officers, Hazel Farr and Jack Bestaugh; Secretary-Treasurer, Clare Perry.	

GOODWILL COMMITTEE Report - "Of 86 pensioners who applied for aid, 51 received assistance. At a cost of approximately one dollar per S.T.O. member, there has been improvement in the lives of the most deserving one-third of one percent of retired teachers. Criteria for eligibility, 1) Membership in S.T.O., including associate membership; 11) total income of under \$6000 (all sources); 111) financial difficulties."	

TRAVEL COMMITTEE report - "In the year ending October 1978, 870 travellers went on S.T.O. trips."	
CLUB 16 NEWS	
ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, on Avenue Road, a stone's throw from Eglinton Avenue, is the new centre for meetings of Club 16. The Monthly Socials are held there, and all Group Meetings that don't happen to be held somewhere else. (for example, Local History, and Fitness tend to move about).	
Some of you may not yet have visited the new meeting place. It is a very much easier place than Yorkminster-Park was, because you just go in the north side door, up a few steps, and there is the meeting room. No one ever has to say "Which way do we turn here?" or "What floor are we on?" or "Where did we come in?" (a question asked by fore-sighted people, in preparation for "How do we get out?")	
The meeting room is a good-sized one, so attendance at Monthly Socials and at Group Meetings can increase comfortably. Moreover, there is a kitchen attached to the meeting-room, for easy preparation of tea or coffee.	
We're most fortunate that some clever person(s) found St Margaret's, when Yorkminster-Park was no longer available to us. From the Eglinton Subway Station, the Eglinton West bus will take you there. Get off at one of the two stops which bracket Avenue Road. The Nortown #8 bus will take you also, but if you get off it opposite the Church you MUST NOT try crossing through the traffic, go back to the stop-light at Eglinton, like the sensible person you are.	

ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON
 District 16 is pleased to present:

TWO SEPARATE EVENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Come to EITHER or BOTH on Tuesday, May 6, 2008
 at The Old Mill ~ Balmoral & Gallowhill Rooms
 Enter at West Upper Level Main Door to Avoid Stairs

AGM with GUEST SPEAKER

FREE ~ BUT PLEASE REGISTER
 (Registration aids in planning essential)

09:15 - Coffee, Light Refreshments, Committee Chair
 09:45 - AGM - Part One - Treasurer's Report/Constitution
 10:15 - Speaker: Susan Ing, VP CARP, social activist
 11:15 - AGM - Part Two - Constitution/Elections
 11:45 - Adjournment - mingle with the lunch crowd?

Registration Form on Page 17
Celebrate our 35 years

SPRING LUNCHEON

YOU MUST REGISTER ~ \$25.00

11:30 - Cash Bar - Mingle with AGM Crowd
 12:15 - Luncheon - Buffet

Salads: Spring Mix of Baby Lettuces, Tiny Tomatoes, Sliced Cucumber, Assorted Dressings, Rotini Pasta, Sweet Pepper Trio, Smoked Provolone, Basil Vinaigrette, Wheatberry, Golden Raisins, Pumpkin Seed & Sunflower Seed, Cider Dressing, Marinated Cucumber, Tomato & Charred Red Onions, Feta-Oregano Crumble, Mini Yukon, Bacon & Spring Onion, Gorgonzola Vinaigrette

Hot Entrées: Sun Dried Tomato & Ricotta Agnolotti, Almond Pasta, Alfredo Sauce, Grilled Chicken Breast, Red Wine & Garlic Braised Artichoke Jus, Hot Roasted Mini Potatoes, Vegetable Medley


Sweets: Seasonal Selections of Fruit & Berries, European Style Cakes & Tarts, Mini French Pastries & Tartlets

Variety of Rolls & Butter, Coffee (regular, decaf), Fine Herbal Tea

1:00 - Entertainment - "After Dinner Mints" (see Page 10 for details)



RETIRED TEACHERS REMEMBERED

RTO/ERO Toronto has begun the practice of planting a tree in memory of teachers who pass away each year. An environmentally positive action, our first planting, pictured above, can be found in Little Norway Park at Bathurst and Queen's Quay beside the Island Airport parking lot. 

Registration Form for EITHER or BOTH AGM and Spring Luncheon TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008 RETURN BY MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008

NAME: _____ Phone: _____

email: _____ (used only by RTO/ERO Toronto District 16)

GUEST: _____

NOTE: The AGM is FREE to members. Registration is requested for amenity planning.

I/We will attend (check EITHER or BOTH) the: AGM LUNCHEON

Remit \$25.00 for the Luncheon by cheque (no post-dates)
payable to **RTO/ERO District 16**
to the Registrar: **BOB PUTNAM, 1204-15 King Street, Weston, ON M9N 3X1**

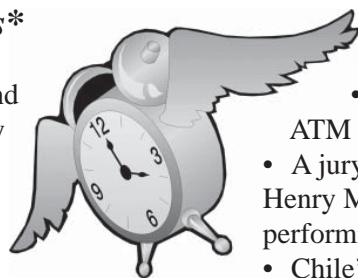
Additional Registration Forms available at www.rtoerotorontodistricts.org

SHORT TIMELINE - PLEASE RETURN IMMEDIATELY

Still Having Fun?? ~ 1968 and 1973 Events

1968 Events*

- Aristotle Onassis and Jacqueline Kennedy marry
- Canada's Medicare system come into effect
- Canada's new Divorce Act introduces no fault divorce
- Céline Dion, singer, born
- Creation the Parti Québécois, René Lévesque is selected as the party's first leader
- David Suzuki wins UNESCO's Kalinga Prize for science writing
- Federal election: Pierre Trudeau's Liberals win a majority
- IMAX technique invented
- Jill Hennessy, actor, born
- Johnny Cash records Live at Folsom Prison.
- Mark Tewksbury, breaststroke swimmer, born
- Martin Luther King, Jr. is assassinated
- Montreal is awarded a Major League Baseball franchise
- Pierre Trudeau wins 1968 Liberal Party leadership convention
- Pierre Trudeau becomes prime minister, replacing Lester Pearson
- Republican challenger Richard M. Nixon defeats Vice President Hubert Humphrey
- Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In debuts on NBC.
- Sarah McLachlan, musician, born
- Separatists riot in Montreal on St-



1973 Events*

- A patent for the ATM is granted
- A jury refuses to convict Henry Morgentaler for performing abortions
- Chile's democratically-elected government is overthrown in a military coup
- Christine Demeter, murder victim
- Eric Lindros born
- Ferdinand Marcos becomes President for Life of the Philippines.
- George Foreman defeats Joe Frazier
- Louis St. Laurent, former Prime Minister, dies
- Montreal announces Canada's first lottery to help pay for the 1976 Summer Olympics
- OPEC dramatically raises the price of oil - a boon to Alberta but hurts central Canada.
- Roe v. Wade: The U.S. Supreme Court overturns state bans on abortion.
- Rufus Wainwright, musician, born
- The first handheld cellular phone
- The Royal Canadian Air Farce is formed
- The U.S. bombing of Cambodia ends 12 years of combat in Southeast Asia.
- The World Trade Center officially opens
- The Gendron Report making French Quebec's only official

- Jean-Baptiste Day
- Daniel Johnson, Premier of Quebec, dies in office
- The Beatles' White Album is released
- The opening of the Toronto-Dominion Centre is held
- The Rochdale College experiment begins in Toronto
- Three branches of the Canadian Forces are merged into one
- U.S. spacecraft Apollo 8 enters orbit around the Moon
- Warsaw Pact troops invade Czechoslovakia to end the "Prague Spring"

language

- Tim Buck, communist, dies
- U.S. President Richard Nixon is inaugurated for his second term.
- U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War ends with the signing of the Paris Peace Accords.
- Watergate scandal
- Waterloo Lutheran University is renamed Wilfrid Laurier University
- Work begins on the construction of the CN Tower
- Yom Kippur War: The fourth and largest Arab-Israeli conflict begins

* Retrieved from <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/>

Toronto Choristers

TORONTO'S OWN RETIRED TEACHERS' CHOIR

Bruce Snell, *Conductor*

Margaret Deeth, *Accompanist*

Sixteenth Annual Spring Concert

Let There Be Music

Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD COLLEGIATE

2300 Pharmacy Avenue (between Sheppard and Finch)

Tickets \$10 ~ Available from choir members or at the door

Volunteers Wanted SOCIETY OF SHARING



The Society of Sharing is an inner-city non-profit agency that provides support to enhance the quality of life for seniors and for people of all ages with disabilities.

Volunteers make friendly visits, help with shopping or medical appointments, and provide telephone reassurance. You can make a difference in the life of someone who may be housebound or isolated. Transportation is not required. TTC costs for shopping and medical trips are reimbursed. Flexible schedules can be arranged to suit your travel plans.

Please call Carolyn or Mariza at 416.413.0380
www.societyofsharing.org

Margaret Caravaggio 



The 5K Walk that can change the lives of needy TCDSB students!
Join us on the journey...

MAKE A CHANGE IN THE LIVES OF VULNERABLE STUDENTS

Not every child receives the appropriate nutrition to be an effective learner. Thanks to our generous donors, The Angel Foundation for Learning is able feed over 9,000 hungry students daily. Helps us make the change to continue feeding TCDSB students body, mind and soul.

THE ANGEL FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING presents its annual FUN WALK ★ SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2008


Join us for a fun-filled day including: FREE BBQ, FREE LOOT BAGS, DOOR PRIZES & RAFFLE PRIZES, FACE PAINTING, MUSIC and SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT

Where: Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Ave. E. (Yonge St. and Sheppard Ave. East)
• 9:00 a.m. Registration • 10:00 a.m. Liturgy • 11:00 a.m. Walk

Visit www.angelfoundationforlearning.org to download registration and sponsor forms.

Travel the World Right Here in Toronto



CultureLink (Settlement Services of Metro Toronto) is looking for volunteers for the Host Program, a befriending program which links Canadians with newcomers to Canada. Lend a hand to a newcomer by helping them practice English as you get to know each other over coffee. It will enhance your life as well as theirs, and you will learn from each other's culture. Make a difference. Call CultureLink at 416.588.6288 or www.culturelink.net. 

RTO/ERO BLUE JAYS BASEBALL GAME!

This year's RTO/ERO Blue Jays game is on *Saturday, August 23*. Being on a Saturday and a "*Junior Jays*" game, means special items and pre-game entertainment for youth under 14 and the opportunity to run the bases after the game ~ a great present for grandchildren!

As the Jays consider this a "*premium game*" against the **World Champion Boston Red Sox**, the cost of the 100/field level tickets increases to \$49. *RTO/ERO's price is \$40*, with \$5 of that being donated to a charity - adding to the amount donated directly by RTO/ERO.

NOTE: RTO/ERO Toronto District has guaranteed 20 tickets (the number ordered last year). Orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis based on Postal Dated envelope of submission. Tickets beyond this 20 will be ordered and filled pending availability.

ORDER TICKETS NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2008

To place your order:

send your check, payable to *RTO/ERO District 16* to:
Bill Menagh, 674 Oriole Pky, Toronto ON M4R 2C5
(416.488.3372 / bmenagh@eol.ca)

PLEASE INCLUDE the following data (or clip the form and attach) with your check so that you can receive your tickets via return mail:

Name: _____

Email: (RTO/ERO purposes only) _____

Address: _____ P-Code: _____

Phone: _____

Number of Tickets Requested: _____

Amount Enclosed @ \$40/ticket: _____



Orders will be placed in batches of about 20 and you will receive your tickets by return mail directly from the Blue Jays' Office.

This information also available on our website.

Toronto District 16 Annual General Meeting, 2008



Your Executive is preparing for the AGM on May 6, 2008 at which the general business of Toronto District will be conducted. The main focus is typically the setting of the budget and the election of officers. The next issue of this Newsletter will contain a slate of candidates seeking office and any notices of motion regarding changes in the Constitution.

Executive: current executive members have been asked to inform the Nominations Committee of their intent to serve next term. If you have an interest in volunteering your time on the executive, please contact Past President, **John Bratton** at 416.782.2530 or enorjay@rogers.com.

Motions: the presentation of motions is the prerogative of the membership. If you have motions that you wish presented at the AGM, please forward them to the District Secretary, **Mary Ann Fedchak** at 905.624.4316 or maryfedc@eno.netscape.ca.

Executive Members are reminded that their reports should be prepared by April 1, 2008 for inclusion in the File of Reports/March Newsletter. 🖐

A Capital Affair (London, Dublin, And Edinburgh) With Our Man on the Train

Travelogue ~ Wednesday, April 23, 2008 ~ See page 3
Brian Jarvis ~ Presenter

Brain Jarvis, a long-time connoisseur of rail travel by high-speed train, will illustrate the value of the rail pass for seniors, as he leisurely savors some of the delights of England, Ireland and Scotland, including the Abbey Theatre, the York Minster, the National Railway Museum, the (former) Royal Yacht Britannia, and a literary Pub Crawl (the best kind) before heading back to London for yet another theatre outing. And, best of all, there are no interminable lines in airports, nasty encounters with customs and security, or concerns about a rental car. Hop on board and relax with one of our regular contributors to virtual travel! 🖐



Did you know that our Luncheons are well subsidized. Join us and gain some benefit from your member fees!

Day Trips 2008 ~ Jack DeGroot



Due to a large demand, a new block of tickets has been ordered for the following two productions at the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake:

Tuesday, October 28, 2008 *An Inspector Calls* **\$110**

A family has their lives changed when an inspector knocks on the door. What follows is a complex and compelling mystery, one you must not miss.

Friday, October 31, 2008 *Mrs. Warren's Profession* **\$110**

George Bernard Shaw is at his best in this naughty tale that puts daughter against mother in matters of love, money and morality - a tale not to be missed.

Productions that still have a limited number of tickets available include:

The Ballad of Stompin' Tom Thur. June 12, Penetanguishene **\$100**

The Taming of the Shew Wed. October 8, Stratford **\$115**

Forever Plaid Thur. November 20, St. Jacobs **\$115**

Costs are all-inclusive: 2 meals, motor-coach transportation, theatre tickets, taxes and gratuities. To reserve your seats on any of these outings, call Jack DeGroot at 416.691.3046 after 8:00am on Thursday, April 3. When your reservation is confirmed, send a deposit of \$40.00 per ticket payable to 'Club 16'. Note - please put the date(s) of your booking on the face of your cheque.

Mail to: Jack DeGroot, 19 Elmview Drive, Toronto ON MIN 2W3 🖐

North Toronto Lawn Bowling Club

You and your friends are welcome to try a great sport this Spring. Get energized in beautiful surroundings with friendly people at a great price. Those interested in this social and physical activity can obtain more information by contacting: **Claire McGeachie** at 416.483.6338.

Greens and Clubhouse located at 138 Alexandra Blvd. at Lytton (just east of Avenue Rd. between Eglinton and Lawrence)

JUST TRY IT!

Free training and use of equipment. Games times are flexible.

Opening Day: Saturday, May 10, 2008

Beginning at 12:30. Refreshments available. Julie Flanagan 🖐



THE NEIL WILSON TSSAA GOLF TOURNAMENT ~ 2008

Date: Friday, June 27, 2008
Location: Rolling Hills Golf Club
 The Championship Course (par 72)
 Please note the change in courses
 Maps available

Time: *Golf:* Registration at 11:30am
 Tee Off (shotgun start) at 1:30pm
Social: Roast Beef Buffet Dinner
 at the course beginning at 6:30pm

Cost: *Golf & Social:* \$100.00
 (includes cart, taxes and service charges)
Social only: \$40.00
 (all inclusive)



Register by June 20th.
Scramble format. Golf carts are mandatory

For information on how to register, go to our web site:
www.ntci.on.ca and click on "TSSAA Golf".
 Contact **George Shepherd** at 416.231.5738

Open to all RTO/ERO members

Sweet Summer in Alaska

Travelogue ~ Wednesday, May 28, 2008 ~ See page 3
Val and Dennis Fiedler - Presenters

Alaska, the land of ice and snow?---not in summer! We discovered the beauty of the forest, the smooth-topped mountains, the friendly people and tales of the Gold Rush ---via plane, bus and cruise ship. We loved it all! Come and join Val and Dennis on their summer odyssey!



Social Activities Continued from Page 4



The **MONDAY AFTERNOON MOVIE GROUP** attends the matinee show on the third Monday of the month. The movie dates are as follows: April 21, May 12 in lieu of the Victoria Day holiday and June 16. Please call Conveners **Marjorie Berger** at 416.483.0636 or **Judie Bowles** at 416.488.6380 for more information.



The **FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE GROUP** attends the early evening movie at around 7:00 PM at a central, subway located theatre on the second Friday of the month from September to June. April 11, May 9 and June 13. **Mary Smith** is the convener and can be reached at 415.467.8625 or mary_a@rogers.com.



The **SUPER TEES GOLF GROUP** plays 9 holes at Fox Run (Hunters Glen) on Highway 50 north of 7. They meet at 10:00am on the last Wednesday of each month. Their first game will be on April 30th, 2008 so dust off those clubs and get ready to golf! Please call **Rosalie Parente**, our convener, at 905.856.6936 or email rosalie10@rogers.com for more details. We would like to encourage new people to join us and bring a friend or two!



Day Trips - Jack de Groot's trips are the very best and most enjoyable. It could be a one of a kind musical adventure, dramatic plays, Shakespearean's classics, etc. at different theatres in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Stratford, Penatanguishene and St. Jacob's, to name a few. You are indeed very lucky if you are able to book with one of those most cherished trips. It truly is a wonderful all day trip complete with a sumptuous lunch, a great matinee show, and a fantastic dinner! We meet at about nine o'clock in the morning and get home by nine or so in the evening. The varying group is delightful to be with. What a treat! See Page 23 for the latest excursions.

THANK YOU ALL for your participation and support! Remember to come and enjoy the activities we have organized for your pleasure. Happy Spring and enjoy the beautiful weather!


Carmelita Salazar

We try to provide activities according to our members wishes. If you would like to lead a group of like-minded individuals, please call Carmelita at 416.927.0416 and we'll help you get started. Possibilities include: bowling, billiards, walking/hiking in Toronto, dining club, investment club, photography, etc.

P.E.I. School of the Arts

 Come to the beautiful fishing village of North Rustico on the shores of PEI and spend a week enjoying an “art experiential holiday”. In July, 10 different 5 day courses with maritime artists *P.E.I. School of the Arts* are offered for your enjoyment.

Small classes, quality arts program, social activities, inspiring environment and great people make this a rich and rewarding arts getaway. Participants come from all over North America with several from Toronto each year. Beginners to intermediates will find a course suited to them. Choose acrylics, watercolour, jewelry, rock sculpture, mosaic tiles, glass mosaics, journal writing, Raku pottery or painted floorcloths. PEI School of the Arts, is organized by an RTO/ERO District 16 member. Check it out: www.peischoolofthearts.com or info@peischoolofthearts.com or 902.886.2369.

Reasonable accommodation available in the area. B& B, cottages, housekeeping motel units etc. Check out Rustico/Cavendish area in the tourist guide: www.gov.pe.ca/visitorsguide. **Suzanne James** 



LET'S RENDEZVOUS!!

Calling all retired women teachers!
Come and enjoy your retirement at the

Rendezvous Club

Enjoy lunches, entertainment & raffles with old and new friends at the Old Mill Inn on the last Monday of each month from September to May.
For more information contact:
Ann Cox: 416.622.9215 ~ kacox38@yahoo.com
Kay Jeffery: 416.767.8179/catherine.jeffery067@sympatico.ca
Carmelita Salazar: 416.927.0416/csalazar8@sympatico.ca

Welcome to New Members



Welcome to new members who have joined us in December, 2007 and January, 2008. Consider joining our activities as a participant or a leader. *Occasionally new members have joined us in error - there are **four Districts in Toronto** (Etobicoke/York-22, North York-23, Scarborough/East York-24, Toronto-16) and others across Ontario.*

Bob Neal, Membership 

Avesson, Virve
Baker, Linda
Balderson, Jean
Garbutt, Mary E
Innes, Roberta
Johal, Suki
Jones, Jean
Morino, Emily
Predovich, Kenneth D
Procope, Mervyn
Rayman, Paula P
Scott, Norman J


Sharma, Kamlesh
Sheehan, Michael
Smith, Ingrid
Stelmach, Walter
Sullivan, Ev
Taylor, Daryl
Tompson, Beverley
Trafford, John
Wright, Carolyn
Ziliotto, Peter
Zitney, Sheila

... and on a Couple of Notes:


1. Microsoft, in it's wisdom, has modified the latest version of MSWORD to save files in a .DOCX format. Please ensure that documents created in this program are sent to your editors as .DOC or .RTF files (Go to 'Save As' and select 'Document Type'.)
2. Last issue, we expressed concern regarding the forced email submission of STO Award Applications. It appears that changes were made to take hard-copy submissions.

Our Next Mailing ~ Thursday, May 29, 2008



Join us to benefit from camaraderie, refreshment, and the joy of accomplishment at our next Newsletter Mailing at St. Margaret's. Starting about 9:00am, we aim to finish by 11:30am. **Arlene Freeman**, Mailing 

Obtaining Your Newsletter

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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. **Sue Booker, Goodwill**

Angelina Capotosto
Donald George Comrie
Elizabeth Davies
Leslie Gage
Laura Garbutt
Yvonne Lacey
William F. Lale

Kathleen Mann
Evelyn McAndrew
Marcelle Myers
Barbara Robinson
Rose Savage
Clara Sher
Aravamuthan Srinivasan

Margaret Styles
Michael Thomas
Leon Thompson
Ilsa Tobias
Margaret Whyte

Change of Address, Status, District

To limit confusion regarding a *change in address*, other contact information, or district the **ONLY contact is Dianne Vezeau** (Provincial Office/416.962.9463 or 1.800.361.9888). A form is available at www.rtoerotorontodistricts.org.

Use Your District Executive

Your District Executive can only provide service and assistance if they are aware of issues that are on your mind. Do not hesitate to call those who perform the functions of the office they occupy. Please refer to your September and March Newsletter Supplement or our website for contact information.

Editors' Comments

Your Newsletter Committee welcomes submissions from members that may be of interest to others: travels, events, life milestones, etc. The editors reserve the right to modify or reject any submission to fit space available and to determine the appropriateness of any submission in a particular issue. Other RTO/ERO Districts are welcome to use any of the material contained in this document with appropriate attribution. Third-party submissions **must include all source details**. Content may, or may not reflect the position of RTO/ERO or of RTO/ERO Toronto District 16.

Submission standards: Electronic TXT file preferred, (or Word DOC or WordPerfect WPD file) emailed to the editor at bmengah@eol.ca. If you create your submission in another program, save it as a TXT file. Typed or hand-printed submissions accepted but earlier submission is requested.

Editorial Committee: Ian Baird, Bill Menagh, Paul Rowney

Publication Schedule: Submission: 1st day of Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, May.

Mailings: last Thursday of Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, May.

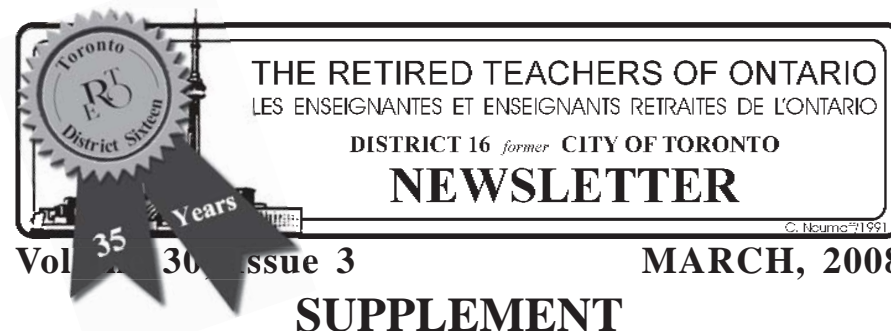
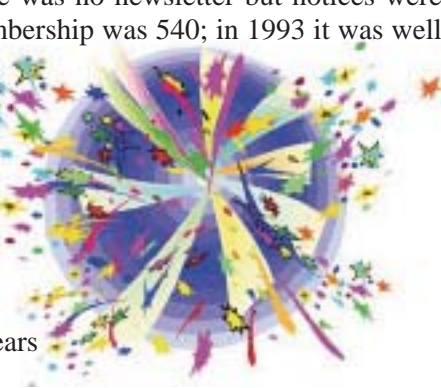
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McGinn, Bernice†	1985/94 (9)	Rowney, Jim†	1992/96 (4)
McIver, Murdoch†*	1973/75 (2)	Rowney, Paul	1996/05 (7)
McLean, Enid*	1988/90 (2)	Rudd, Norm	2006/07 (1)
McLean, Mel*	1988/90 (2)	Salazar, Carmelita	2004/08 (4)
McNabb, Vicki*	1973/76 (3)	Schissler, Laura†*	1976/82 (6)
McPherson, Catherine*	1975/77 (2)	Shanoff, David	2002/08 (5)
McVicker, Kathleen*	1995/98 (3)	Shaver, Bill	1989/01 (12)
Menagh, Bill†	1998/08 (9)	Simons, Shirley†	1991/00 (9)
Milloy, Archie†*	1974/77 (3)	Smith, Margaret†*	1978/98 (19)
Moore, Ed*	1990/92 (2)	Smith, Warren	1993/00 (3)
Moore, Mary†*	1979/88 (9)	Sparks, Doug	1987/91 (4)
Morris, Peter	2000/04 (3)	Strangway, Kenneth*	1979/86 (7)
Nagawe, Sacchi*	1996/97 (1)	Stubbs, Ted*	1973/78 (5)
Naumoff, Carl	1989/90 (8)	Sweetman, Allan†*	1973/76 (3)
Neal, Bob†	1998/07 (8)	Tajer, Bill†	1995/08 (12)
Neufeld, Roy	1993/94 (1)	Targett, Lloyd	1991/97 (6)
Noylander, Mary	1988/00 (12)	Terry, John*	1991/97 (6)
Parliament, Loeland	2002/04 (1)	Thomas, Mary†	1980/90 (10)
Patterson, Elizabeth*	1980/88 (8)	Tufts, Harold*	1973/75 (2)
Petch, Rhena	1992/99 (7)	Warren, Laura	1989/00 (11)
Putnam, Bob	1995/08 (12)	Watson, Jean	1983/87 (4)
Quinn, Bill*	1987/90 (3)	Whitehouse, William*	1977/87 (10)
Reid, Walter†*	1978/86 (7)	Whitley, Harold†*	1974/78 (4)
Roach, Veronica*	1977/79 (2)	Young, Shirley	2002/07 (4)

Beginnings continued from Page S10

Our first district executive met on Wednesday, October 10, 1973. Our first President was **Murdoch McIver** with executive **Allen Sweetman, Vicki McNabb and John Ball, Margaret Kennedy, Ted Stubbs, Bill Darbyshire and Harold Tufts**. There was no newsletter but notices were mailed to members. In 1973, our membership was 540; in 1993 it was well over 1,000.

We salute those members who may have been with us from the beginning! According to our records we have:

- ~ 35 members potentially with us 35 years since 1973
- ~ 3 members potentially with us 40 years since 1968



SUPPLEMENT

RTO/ERO Toronto District 16 Annual General Meeting

The Old Mill ~ Balmoral Room ~ Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Your District Executive attempts to make your Annual General Meetings (AGM) educative by providing timely information while meeting the constitutional requirements for the District's business. Our March Newsletter is used to inform the membership of decisions to be made. New business may be brought forward at the meeting by any member with motions arising being subject to constitutional requirements.

This year our Feature Presentation had not been arranged by press-time. We will try to post this attraction to our website as soon as possible.

The following pages contain the items of business to be presented along with some additional material about our District's development and current status.

PROGRAM (Subject to change according to availability of speaker)
(open to all members BUT PLEASE REGISTER ~ times approximate)

Pre-meeting ~ 9:15

Refreshments, Meet Committee Chairs

Business: Part One ~ 9:45am

Welcome, In Memoriam, RTO/ERO Greetings,

Approval of Minutes 2007, Treasurer's Report

Guest Presentation: Susan Eng, lawyer/activist/CARP ~ 10:15am

Business: Part Two ~ 11:15am

Elections, New Business

Adjournment ~ 11:45am

Bar ~ 11:45am

Spring Luncheon ~ Guildhall Room ~ 12:15pm

RTO/ERO Toronto Executive Nominees: 2008/09

This 2008/09 Slate may be amended by the time the AGM occurs. Should you wish to contest a position, or join the executive in one of the vacant positions, please contact **John Bratton** at 416.782.2530 or enorjay@rogers.com. *Nominations from the floor are also accepted.*

POSITION Recommendation

President ~	Valerie Mah
Past President ~	John Bratton
First Vice-President ~	David Shanoff
Second Vice-President ~	Vacant
Treasurer ~	Bob Putnam
Secretary ~	Mary Ann Fedchak
Archives ~	Rosalina Bustamante
Communications ~	Bill Menagh
Goodwill ~	Sue Booker
Health Services and Insurance ~	Bill Tajer
Mailing Chair ~	Vacant
Membership ~	Bob Neal
Political Action ~	Pat Carson
Program ~	Kay Jeffery
Retirement/Pension Concerns ~	Wally Friesen
Social/Recreation ~	Carmelita Salazar
Travel Chair ~	Ian Baird
Members-at-Large (up to 5):	Marjorie Blake, Linda Grieve, Tom Lyons, Shashi Makhija, Mary El Milosh

Who Are RTO/ERO District 16

According to data available as of 31 December, 2007, RTO/ERO Toronto District 16 numbered 3877 Members (up 155 from December, 2006). Our members fill the following age brackets as of 31 December 2006:

100 years or more.....	9
90 - 99 years.....	104
80 - 89 years.....	514
70 - 79 years.....	1098
60 - 69 years.....	1775
50 - 59 years.....	375
<50 years.....	2

RTO/ERO Toronto Executive Terms of Service

Surname order with first and last term on Executive

* ~ deceased or not now a Toronto District member

† ~ past president

Adjusted Term ~ Fall 2002 to Spring 2004

Name	Terms	Name	Terms
Aberle, Gerald	1991/94 (3)	Fedchak, Mary Ann	2002/08 (5)
Allen, Gertrude*	1978/80 (2)	Fick, Lew	1985/86 (1)
Assad, June*	1986/88 (2)	Fiedler, Dennis†	1989/99 (10)
Baird, Ian	1993/08 (14)	Fiedler, Val	1994/04 (9)
Ball, John*	1973/77 (3)	Fraser, Anne*	1980/05 (24)
Barrett, Harry†*	1976/79 (3)	Freeman, Arlene†	1993/08 (14)
Batchelor, Ron†	1993/98 (5)	Friesen, Wally	2005/08 (3)
Birrell, Jenny	1998/99 (1)	Gang, Israel*	1981/94 (13)
Blake, Marjorie	2002/08 (5)	Gang, Lillian	2001/02 (1)
Booker, Susan	1995/08 (12)	Gartley, John*	1975/76 (1)
Boone, Geraldine	1981/86 (5)	Grieve, Linda	2004/08 (4)
Boucher, Joyce	1994/98 (3)	Halford, Ron	1995/99 (5)
Bratton, John†	1999/08 (8)	Hardie, Charlotte†	1986/95 (9)
Brooks, Wilson*	1987/89 (2)	Hayes, George†	1986/01 (15)
Bussey, Art*	1994/99 (5)	Heard, Norton*	1980/86 (6)
Bustamante, Rosalina	2002/08 (5)	Henderson, Torry	1993/00 (7)
Carr, Charles	1996/05 (8)	Hornick, Phil*	1985/88 (3)
Carson, Pat†	1995/08 (12)	Jeffery, Kay	1994/08 (13)
Caster, Tom	2007/08 (1)	Kennedy, Margaret*	1973/75 (2)
Chandorkar, Betty	1988/96 (8)	Kennedy, Vince*	1990/91 (1)
Chole, Natalie	1988/93 (5)	Kerr, Ed	1990/93 (3)
Clark, Mattie*	1977/82 (5)	Ketcheson, Bill	1985/94 (9)
Coles, Sidney†*	1979/88 (8)	Lehane, Mary*	1975/77 (2)
Cooper, Donald	1987/96 (9)	Lennox, Mitchell†	1983/96 (13)
Darbyshire, Bill*	1973/77 (4)	Lindsay, Ruth†*	1988/98 (10)
De Groot, Jack	1994/05 (10)	Longmuir, Cecil†*	1978/81 (3)
Dean, Harold†*	1980/85 (5)	Lunney, Esther*	1977/80 (3)
DeGraaf, John*	1994/95 (1)	Machin, Bea*	1977/81 (4)
Devine, Ken	2005/06 (1)	Mah, Valerie	2004/08 (4)
Dineen, Cecilia*	1982/95 (12)	Makhija, Shashi	2007/08 (1)
Dobson, Murray*	1975/77 (2)	Martin, Fionnuala*	1988/89 (1)
Downward, Gord*	1992/93 (1)	Mary El Milosh	2005/08 (3)
Edmondson, Phyllis	1998/99 (1)	Matuszkiewicz, Wanda	1997/98 (1)
Edmondson, Roseanne	1976/78 (2)	McCaig, Jean*	1986/88 (2)
		McEachern, Jean*	1981/83 (2)

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who would consent to be nominated for election to an organization of retired teachers.

Nominations were sorted by affiliate of OTF. The six names most nominated in each group were put on a ballot. The Teachers' Superannuation Commission sent the ballot to every superannuated teacher and requested that the person vote for any four nominees. The four names in each group receiving the most votes were declared elected. This made a Senate of 20 members elected by all of the superannuated teachers. When all were assembled an executive was elected: **President Art McAdam; Vice-President Norman McLeod; and, Secretary-Treasurer Marion Tyrrell.**

The Formation of Districts

When the first Senate Meeting of STO was held in March 1968, the voting delegates were representative of the five affiliates of the Ontario Teachers' Federation. Later that year, an Extension Committee was established to organize STO into geographic Areas across the province based upon the provincial county board system. On December 4, 1968, the Areas were set up:

Area 1	Fort William	Area 6	St. Catharines
Area 2	Sault Ste. Marie	Area 7	Dufferin, Peel, Malton, Simcoe
Area 3	North Bay	Area 8	Toronto
Area 4	Windsor	Area 9	Peterborough
Area 5	Waterloo	Area 10	Ottawa

In 1972 the province was reorganized into 21 sub-divisions to be known as Districts. In 1973, the necessary changes were made to the Constitution and some adjustments were made to the composition of districts. The first Senate meeting to which all voting delegates were named by a district was held in May 1974.

An Early History of RTO/ERO Toronto District 16 ~ 1973/2008

(From the RTO/ERO Toronto District Archives, Author Unknown)

2008 marks the 35th anniversary of RTO/ERO. Retired teachers have good reason to celebrate the foresight and initiative of those who pioneered the founding and growth of our provincial and local district associations.

Toronto is proud to report that the founder and first provincial president of RTO/ERO, **Art McAdam**, was a Toronto member. Mr. McAdam died in the spring of 1993. He had successfully fought for indexed pensions for us all.

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Proposed RTO/ERO Toronto Budget: 2008

	Budget 2007	Audit 2007	Budget 2008	
1				
2				
3	INCOME			
4	Provincial Rebate	46,105.28	46,105.28	53,283.30
5	Subscriptions	0.00	20.00	0.00
6	Interest	300.00	1,269.27	1,000.00
8	Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	Total Income	46,405.28	47,394.55	54,283.20
	EXPENSES			
	Administration			
11	Office	600.00	338.75	600.00
13	AGM	2,000.00	1,239.77	2,000.00
12	Audit and Legal	0.00	0.00	0.00
21	Bank Charges	110.00	0.00	100.00
20	Exec Meetings	300.00	307.50	400.00
30	Senate/Workshops	1,500.00	1,407.51	1,600.00
35	Rentals/St Margaret's	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,900.00
24	Toronto Districts	2,300.00	1,561.00	2,300.00
31	Goodwill	500.00	300.00	400.00
21	New Member Breakfast	2,500.00	2,255.00	2,500.00
34	Anniversaries (40/35)	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
25	Service to Others	2,000.00	1,206.66	1,500.00
26	Membership	3,000.00	776.61	1,000.00
32	Newsletter*	23,000.00	22,143.22	28,000.00
33	Political Action	500.00	0.00	300.00
14	Social			
15	Rentals/St Margaret's	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,600.00
	Seminars	100.00	0.00	1,500.00
17	Refreshments	350.00	128.22	300.00
18	Equipment	1.00	1,158.00	1.00
19	Contingency	1.00	0.00	1.00
22	Fall Craft Show	1,200.00	1,181.83	1,300.00
23	Fall Luncheon	1,900.00	2,045.19	2,700.00
29	Spring Luncheon	2,700.00	2,529.04	3,300.00
36	Total Expenses	48,562.00	42,578.30	57,302.00
37	Contingency	0.00	0.00	0.00

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38			
39	BALANCE	-2,156.72	4,816.25 (3,018.80)
40			
41	RESERVES		
42	GIC Canada Trust	30,000.00	30,000.00 30,000.00
44	Trip Operating Capital	9,653.50	8,470.70 8,470.70
45	Total	39,653.50	38,470.70 38,470.70

RTO/ERO Toronto Auditor's Report: 2007

Balance Sheet As of 31 December 2007

Accounts	31 December 2007 Balance
Assets	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Club 16 Trips	8,471.20
RTO 16	12,057.97
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	20,529.17
Investment	
RTO 16 GIC	30,000.00
Total Assets	50,529.17
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	0.00
Equity	50,529.17
Total Liabilities & Equity	50,529.17

We attest that the financial information presented fairly represents the fiscal position of RTO District 16 during the financial year January 01, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

Signed:

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ANNIVERSARIES

A BRIEF GLIMPSE AT OUR BEGINNINGS

from material written by **Art McAdam** (1899-1993)
First STO/ERO President, 1968-69

The Canada Pension Plan (CPP) was introduced to take effect on January 1, 1966. Premier John Robarts determined that this pension should not be stacked on top of pensions to which the Ontario Government contributed and which it guaranteed. At a meeting with the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) he proposed that the teachers' contributions to the CPP be paid out of the teachers' 6% contribution to the Teachers' Superannuation Fund (now the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan). When a teacher retired, that person would receive a pension earned by the combined contribution - in no case would it be less than a regular superannuation pension. If the combined pension were more than a regular pension, the teacher would get the benefit.

At about the same time, the Government voted to compute teacher pensions on the best seven years' salaries [then the best 10]. But when OTF enquired what the Government intended to do for those already on pension because they had contributed the 6% too, the answer was "Nothing".

Nora Hodgins, then Secretary of OTF and for 20 years responsible for the welfare of retirees, was concerned that the superannuated teachers were not organized. If they were, their numbers and expertise could be combined with OTF and maybe the Government could be persuaded to do something for those who had taught on low salaries and had low pensions.

By motion of the OTF Executive, **Art McAdam** was instructed to form a committee and proceed to organize the superannuated teachers! A committee of ten was formed with OTF covering expenses and providing facilities. We owe a great deal to OTF for its help. Without it we could not have started.

OTF drafted a letter to all superannuated teachers (about 4 000) stating our purpose with a proposed constitution and the objectives for such an organization. The letter also asked each person to submit the name of a retired teacher who had been a member of that person's former affiliate and

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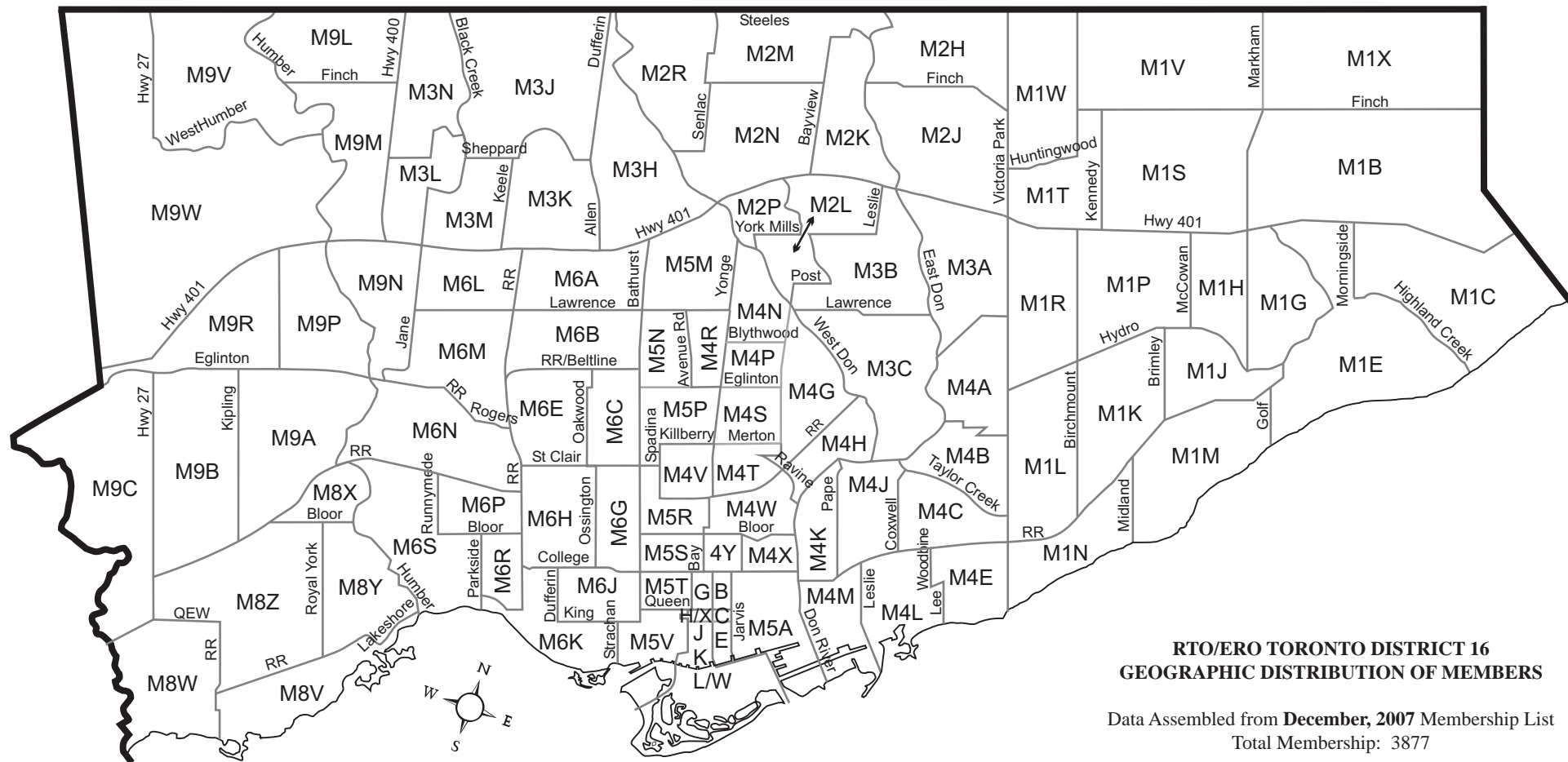
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Data Assembled from **December, 2007** Membership List
Total Membership: 3877

Postal Code/City #s	M1R	12	M2R	20	M4E	105	M4X	14	M5T	10	M6P	94	M9N	12	Cities =/>10	Canada		
	M1S	16	M3A	48	M4G	109	M4Y	66	M5V	14	M6R	24	M9P	30	Ajax	12	Alberta	6
	M1T	28	M3B	26	M4H	22	M5A	33	M6A	8	M6S	113	M9R	20	Brampton	21	B.C.	18
M1B	5	M1V	6	M3C	34	M4J	45	M5B	13	M8V	21	M9W	5	Burlington	10	Manitoba	4	
M1C	24	M1W	31	M3H	22	M4K	75	M5C	11	M8W	3			Markham	35	New Bruns	3	
M1E	31	M1X	1	M3J	4	M4L	46	M5E	19	M8X	50	Ontario		Miss'auga	136	Nfld	4	
M1G	7	M2H	21	M3K	1	M4M	20	M5G	5	M8Y	38	Regions		Newmarket	11	Nova Scotia	14	
M1H	7	M2J	37	M3M	7	M4N	69	M5J/K/L/	23	M8Z	27	L/Central	602	Oakville	30	PEI	2	
M1K	18	M2K	27	M3N	3	M4P	63	M5N	45			K/Eastern	90	Orillia	10	Quebec	12	
M1J	16	M2L	20			M4R	42	M5P	82			N/Western	70	Pickering	24	Saskatch	3	
M1L	4	M2M	17	M4A	12	M4S	93	M5R	86			P/Northern	18	Richm'd Hl	36	Yukon	1	
M1M	14	M2N	40	M4B	27	M4T	59	M5S	24					Thornhill	59			
M1N	48	M2P	11	M4C	35	M4V	68											
M1P	12					M4W	82									Out of Canada	17	