

NEWSLETTER

S.T.O. DISTRICT 16

TORONTO

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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.

S.T.O. SENATE NEWS

The Executive of S.T.O. is - Past-President, Robert Hopkins; President, Gabrielle Levaseur; First Vice-Pres, David Tough; Second Vice-Pres, Margaret Drago; Executive Officers, Hazel Farr and Jack Eastaugh; 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, i) Membership in S.T.O., including associate membership; ii) total income of under \$6000 (all sources); iii) 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.