

# Superannuated Teachers of Ontario

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Greetings to all! We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer and are now asking yourselves eagerly, "What exciting events does S.T.O. 16 have in store for us this season?"

This is, without doubt, an excellent time to remind you of the program of Club 16 as well. If you are finding, as many do, that this proliferation of initials is somewhat confusing, we remind you that Club 16 is the recreational arm of S.T.O. 16. When you pay your fee of \$2.00 to S.T.O. 16, the parent organization, you are automatically a member of Club 16 whose activities are free. Since Club 16 has had a Horizon Grant, it is expected that you may bring friends who were not teachers to the groups. If they wish to belong to Club 16, we do accept the \$2.00 fee as a kind of honorary membership. To get your name on the Club 16 mailing list, which is separate from this mailing list, you merely attend one of the groups and sign the list which is kept at that time. Or, you can sign a list at the annual meeting on October 15. (By the way, do not confuse S.T.O. 16 with the provincial organization, Superannuated Teachers of Ontario. Their fee, based on your pension, can still be deducted at the source, after you have signed the necessary forms, and it may still be claimed as an income tax deduction. It is still vital to belong to both organizations in these days when indexed pensions may be coming under review. S.T.O. 16 is actually the retired equivalent of the former Toronto Local, except that now, it can be very broad-minded and accept members from other areas who wish to enjoy the very fine program it offers.)

There are some dates that you should put on your list of Things to Remember. Our annual meeting is the fall meeting, this year on Wednesday, October 15, at the Board of Education Centre, 155 College Street. Coffee or tea are served from 1 to 1:30 in the foyer of the Auditorium and this is a very popular time for visiting. The first item in the meeting will be the talk by our guest speaker, Mr. Gordon Jocelyn, of the TV program "From Now On", and that will be his topic. The business meeting and election of officers will follow. Our February meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11. The change of day was made necessary by other meetings in the Board Auditorium. Our very popular breakfast will be held on Wednesday May 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the Royal York. We regret that this still is in conflict with the Prayer Breakfast, but with only a year's warning to make the change, we could not find a room for another date.

Club 16 will be starting its fall program in October. Most of its activities are held at St. Margaret's Anglican Church, which is adjacent to the corner of Eglinton and Avenue Road. Among the popular groups are Local History, Photography, Bridge, Needlework, Travel. There is always a tea and social on the first Monday of each month at 1:30. Further details will be available at the October meeting of S.T.O. 16.

This edition of our News-letter is especially concerned with those of you who have just retired - the "Graduating Class of '80" as we refer to you. There is some advice that we might pass along, garnered from our own experiences. Don't let the empty 9 to 4 empty space in your days send you into a panic re-action. Don't rush to fill in the time by saying "yes" to all the many organizations which will be competing for your help as a volunteer. Let them wait as you look around, Savour your freedom go to lunch on a Tuesday, feeling delightfully wicked, take a trip, sleep late. In other words, take your time in considering where you want to make your contribution. And, never be depressed into thinking that your days of usefulness are over. In some ways, they may be just beginning in new spheres. You may still want to use your teaching skills. Fine. You may want to try your wings in some completely different area. That is why it is so important to take time before you decided to make a permanent commitment. You might help out as a substitute in different groups, getting the feel of their programs. A year from now you will be in a better position to decide how much structure you want in your days.

We remind you again of our Good Will committee, headed by our former president, Laura Schissler, (769-2542). Cards, letters, phone calls, have brought many of our members a feeling that they have not been forgotten. With our large membership (759 this past year), it is essential that all of us assume a responsibility for telling Laura of any illness or bereavement that we hear about.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Trott  
Miss Mary Strachan

If you hear of any information which could be of interest for our next newsletter, please let the Secretary, Margaret Smith know.