

Superannuated Teachers of Ontario

District 16 City of Toronto

Newsletter

Fall 1981

Autumn rains,
Autumn leaves,
Colour, beauty everywhere.

What a beautiful season we are entering. Enjoy and do return to activities with your friends of S.T.O.

A particular welcome to new retirees. Remember your first year fee to S.T.O. provincial, \$1.00 per \$1000.00 pension, can be reclaimed by applying to your affiliate. Your first year \$2.00 fee with your local body, District 16, Toronto, is gratis plus the added bonus of Club 16 activities. (That's an offer you can't refuse.)

Study the chart on the back of the notice of meeting and you will see how District 16, your local Association, fits into the whole provincial picture.

Remember you become a member of S.T.O. provincial first. (Send in your application. Fee is taken off your pension in January.) Then you become a member of S.T.O. - District 16, Toronto, plus Club 16. Do attend our first fall meeting.

TO BRING YOU UP-TO-DATE

Your Newsletter went to print September 25th. This is the latest news in the continuing saga of Co-Op Health Services.

ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 20, 1981 at the Board of Education. Check the announcement sheet. Bring a friend and enjoy Harold Dean's Travelogue.

North York's Ald. Clarke sent to trial

North York Ald. Peter Clarke has been committed for trial on 14 charges laid in connection with the defunct Co-operative Health Services of Ontario.

Clarke, who will have a trial date set in county court Oct. 5, is charged with two counts of breach of trust for more than \$600,000, six counts of defrauding CHS of about \$680,000 and six counts of theft from CHS of more than \$645,000.

A Ward 11 representative for the past seven years, Clarke was committed to trial following a preliminary hearing yesterday in North York provincial court.

The 37-year-old Byng Ave. resident was general manager of CHS from 1978 until its collapse in June, 1980. The charges involve the alleged use of CHS monies to finance personal land deals.

REPORT ON MAY BREAKFAST MEETING

May 5, 1981 at the Royal York Hotel. Comments re this event were most enthusiastic.

S.T.O. Provincial President, Margaret Drago, brought greetings and a great sense of humour. Here is one of her jokes:

"Four retirees were playing bridge. One said, 'I get so forgetful. I can't remember what's trump.' The second couldn't remember names. The third would get upstairs and forget why. The fourth knocked on wood and hoped it never happened, then said, 'Did anyone answer the door?'"

Speaker Lloyd Wilson obviously enjoyed his role to the full. With almost evangelical style, laced with good humour, he kept his audience totally enthralled. Here are some excerpts:

"Seniors have great gifts to give"

The Gift of Praise

"Age makes it easier for us to give"

"So easy to do - so often neglected"

"Encourage, not discourage"

"Share the wealth of your experience"

The Gift of Consideration

"Remember to thank - attitude is all important"

"Consider the other point of view"

The Gift of Attention

"A plateau is when you have no more goals" (Join Club 16)

"Not having goals is more to be feared than reaching those goals"

Mr. Wilson told the story of the man whose marriage was not working and was told to jog five miles a day. A few days later he phoned to report that he was getting along fine - no problems with his wife but he was 35 miles away.

CLUB 16

Begins its fall program in October. Something for everyone. Last year they offered aquabics, bridge, photography, travel, local history, needlecrafts and monthly socials. I joined the spring outing to Oshawa - absolutely first rate and well organized.

Do participate. You'll enjoy. Our thanks to those who are preparing this year's activities, enclosed with this mailing.

Your morning smile

One middle-aged man to another:
"Here we are at the dangerous age
and there's no danger."

Your morning smile

A patient told his doctor: "I exercise religiously. One pushup and I say, 'Amen.'"

THE SENATE

May 27, 1981 at the Park Plaza. Senators from the 30 Districts meet twice a year to consider your needs and concerns. Your President, Bun Reid, represented District 16. Observers - Molly Moore, Sid Coles and Mary Thomas.

IMPORTANT MOTIONS

Clare Perry, Secretary-Treasurer of S.T.O. noted these items:

Raising Dependant's Allowance

"That the Senate ask O.T.F. to consider having an actuarial study made as to the cost of raising the dependant's allowance from 50% to 75% of the teachers' pension."

Facts

1. The cost of increasing a dependant's allowance from 50% to 75% of a teachers' pension without any other changes in entitlement is estimated at 350 millions for future pensioners (boggles the mind, doesn't it?) and at 50 millions for existing superannuates (1978 evaluation base).

2. An amendment to the plan to permit an individual to opt for a reduced pension in exchange for an increased dependant's allowance could be structured at a "no cost basis".

Resolution

The Superannuation Committee of S.T.O. agreed to support this but the Senate would not accept this motion since the effect of such negotiation was not determinable.

Escalation

The Senate dealt with this motion:

"That the escalation factor be according to the cost of living increase for the preceding year."

Fact

The cost of escalation for our pensions for the month of January 1981 was \$861,458.74 from the Superannuation Adjustment , \$3,969,637.21 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Arguments

The 8% escalation figure is a generous one. Is it politically wise to ask for such an increase at the present time?

Cost implications to the active teachers would have to be considered.

Resolution

This motion was referred back to the Senate and districts for further discussion.

TRAVEL COMMITTEE

Jack Eastaugh, Chairman, reported that over 1000 S.T.O. members were involved in trips sponsored by S.T.O.

As an S.T.O. member you will have already received travel plans for 1981 - 82.

GOOD NEWS

Jack Eastaugh, incoming President of S.T.O. will be our speaker on Wednesday, February 17, 1982. Jot this date on your calendar now.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

"The liquidators of CHSO accepted claims up to May 8, 1981. It is very indefinite as to what settlement will be made and when."

"The Goodwill Committee of S.T.O. has offered its services to any members experiencing financial hardships through failure to receive payment from CHSO."

"In January 1982, Confederation Life will review the agreement based on their experience from June to December 1981. There could be an increase in rates beginning January 1982." (Xmas cheer!)

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

1. At Riverdale Hospital. Contact Mrs. Christine Bland, 461 8251, Extensions 225 or 288.
2. at Nellie's Emergency Hostel for Women
Call Kathleen Robertson, 423 7376 (Home) or 465 2496 (Bus.)
3. at Holy Trinity Church - lunch program - a few hours weekly from 10.00 a.m. Call Margaret Frazer 483 5448 or 598 1450.

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