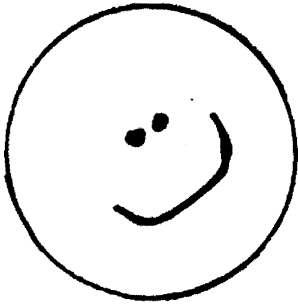


# Superannuated Teachers of Ontario

District 16 City of Toronto



## Newsletter

September 1982

Leaves and colour,  
Rain and wind,  
What a beautiful season!

It is fall again - one of the loveliest times of the year. Enjoy its beauties and then join your friends at Club 16 and at the Annual Meeting of S.T.O. on October 20th.

We extend a particular welcome to new retirees and hope you will join our Association.

How to join? Easy! First you become a member of S.T.O. (Ontario) paying \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of pension (deducted in January). Then reclaim that money by applying to your affiliate. Your local membership fee (\$2.00 to Toronto S.T.O., District 16) is gratis for the first year. To make sure this is an offer you cannot refuse, you get the added bonus of membership in Club 16, our Social Activities group, gratis, too. ( See Page 2 to get the whole picture.)

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Three years ago as I thanked our speaker, Dave Tough, I stated that S.T.O. stands for Super Terrific Ones. In May of this year at the Senate meeting a gentleman referred to S.T.O. as Service to Others. Certainly, when I look at our members, there is Super Service apparent - through voluntary teaching of blind and handicapped people, through hospital and church work, making our community a better place for everyone.

It has been an exciting, always pleasurable four years of service on your executive. I thank you for your support and wish you all the best of everything in the years to come.

Molly Moore

### ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 20, 1982 at the Board of Education. Bring a friend and be among the first to hear Don Nethery, Board Archivist, **talk** about Toronto's Sesquicentennial Celebration. (The name alone should bring you out)

### THE SENATE

This is the governing body of S.T.O. It meets twice a year in May and November. Each district (31) sends a Senator who holds voting rights for that District, and may send observers. Our Senator was our President, Molly Moore. Our observers were Sid Coles, Harold Dean and Elizabeth Patterson.

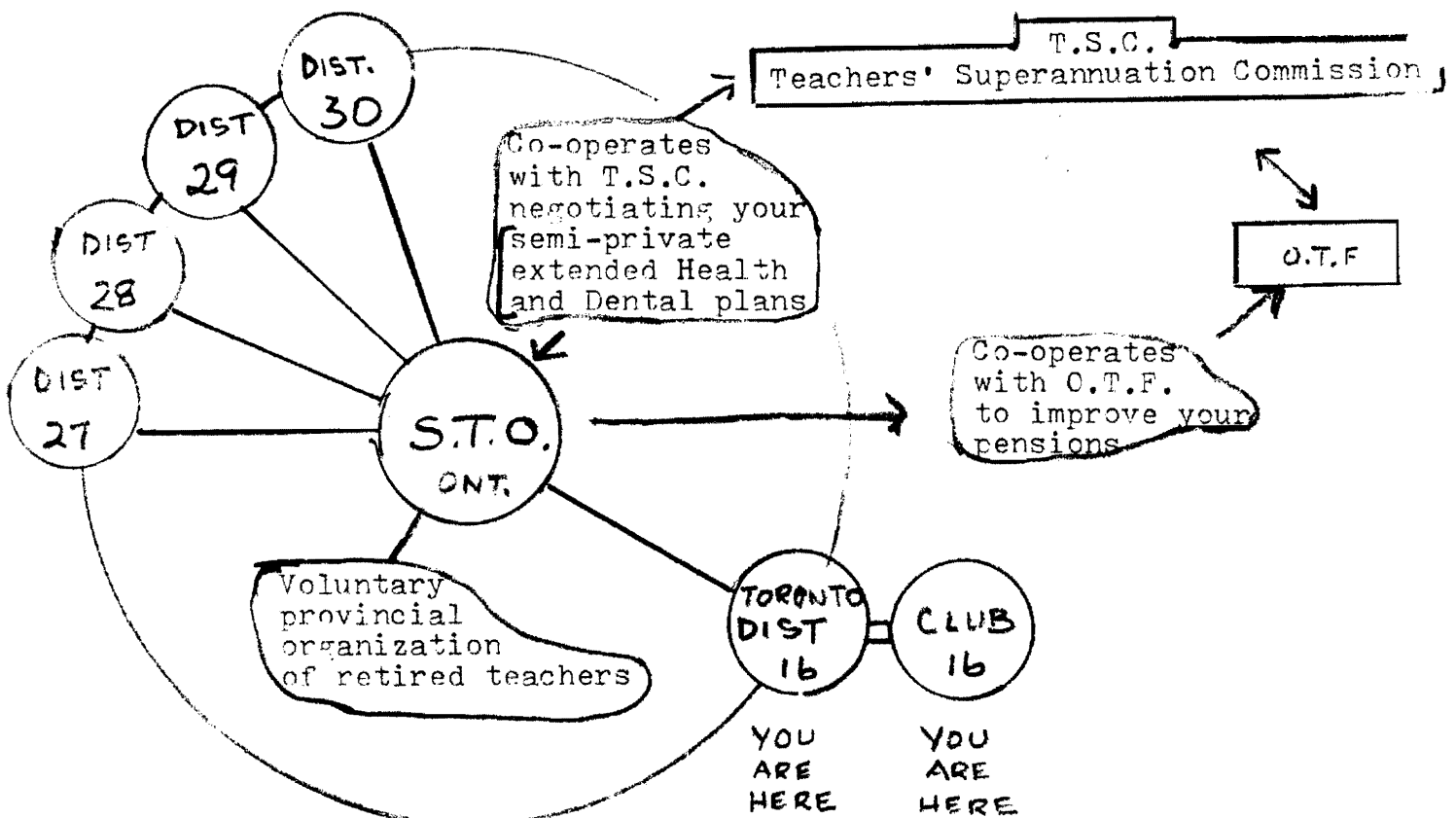
S.T.O. and Confederation Life re-negotiated monthly premium rates this spring. An increase was necessary in both the Semi-Private Hospital Plan and the Dental Plan because both groups were in a loss position due to increased use of benefits. New rates became effective July 1, 1982.

Single	Couple	Family		
\$ 6.15	\$12.30	\$14.50	Semi-Private	GH 17809
\$ 5.88	\$ 9.03	\$12.13	Extended Health	GH 17810
\$11.10	\$22.20	\$27.68	Dental	GH 17811

The Health Services Committee noted that, in comparison with other group health insurance plans with comparable coverage, our premiums are substantially lower.

N.B. - The policy year for all S.T.O. Health plans is July 1 to June 30. Changes may only be made July 1 BUT the deductible year applying to Extended Health Care is the calendar year. Each January, subscribers can qualify for 90% of claims only after the deductibles (\$50.00 - single; \$75.00 - couple; \$100.00 - family) are satisfied.

S.T.O. - SUPERANNUATED TEACHERS OF ONTARIO (31 DISTRICTS)



If you thought you were going around in circles, you're probably right. HAPPY WHEELING!

In November 1981, the Senate defeated the motion that indexing coincide with cost of living. It was a close vote (19 - 18).

New motions were received by the Superannuation Committee. North York (District 23) again asked for cost-of-living indexing. Wentworth and Haldimand (District 13) opposed the North York motion. Ottawa-Carleton, Prescott and Russell (District 27) compromised with, "That for the next three years (1983-4-5) the cumulative carry-over credited to each pensioner in the superannuation adjustment fund be paid out in three instalments to pensioners along with their 8% increment; and that at the end of those three years the validity of the 8% be reviewed in the light of economic conditions then prevailing".

On April 23rd, the O.T.F. Superannuation Committee requested that the Minister of Education amend the Teachers' Superannuation Adjustment Benefits Act so that indexing coincide with the cost of living increase. In light of this, the S.T.O. Superannuation Committee also recommended full indexing of pensions to the Senate.

The Final Report of the Select Committee on Pensions had meanwhile recommended discontinuing the Superannuation Adjustment Benefits Act (SABA) and giving responsibility for payments through that Act to the main Teachers' Superannuation Fund:

S.T.O. members should understand that teachers who retired after 1975, have their indexed increases paid for by the Superannuation Adjustment Benefits Act (SABA), while teachers who retired before 1975, have their indexed increases paid for out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province.

The O.T.F. Superannuation Committee opposed the elimination of SABA. The S.T.O. Superannuation Committee recommended:

"That the Superannuated Teachers of Ontario support the continuance of the Superannuation Adjustment Benefits Act, the repeal of which was recommended by the Select Committee on Pensions in April 1982".

One other problem faced our committee - very low pensions for some of our members.

Pension Statistics - April 28, 1982		
Type	Numbers	Average Pension
A	10,427	\$ 14,263.00
B (no decreasing 90 factor)	1,672	\$ 8,143.00
C (dependents)	2,437	\$ 5,324.00
F	6,723	\$ 4,699.00

The S.T.O. committee recommended "That consideration be given to improving low pensions to ensure that no superannuated teachers should be on or below the poverty level".

The Senate deliberated on the five motions and passed two of them,

- To improve low pensions
- To continue SABA

Now the two resolutions have been forwarded to O.T.F. Let us expect and hope that the present escalation program will continue. It certainly has been a blessing to us all.

RE GOODWILL COMMITTEE

In the last six months, the S.T.O. Provincial Goodwill Committee received 16 requests for financial aid. Most of these come from widows on low pensions. A total of \$6,400.00 was paid to 16 applicants ranging from two receiving \$100.00 to 4 receiving \$750.00.

**Stole \$600Gs**

Some severe losses were caused through the collapse of CHSO the now defunct Health Plan. To assist members re these one-time requests, a total of \$2,715.00 was paid to 9 applicants.

**from Co-op**

Here is the latest word on Peter Clarke and CHSO.

**By GUS CARLSON  
Staff Writer**

North York Ald. Peter Clarke, who had the "criminal intention of a common street thief," has been convicted of one count of fraud and five counts of theft for ripping off Co-operative Health Services of more than \$600,000.

County court Judge Hugh Locke convicted Clarke, general manager and treasurer of the now-defunct health insurance company, Friday.

Locke said Clarke "tapped the corporate till with the same criminal intention of a common street thief" except that in Clarke's case, his employers trusted him.

He said that during testimony, Clarke was "shifty, evasive and less than forthright" in answering questions put to him by Crown attorney Frank Armstrong.

Clarke, 38, of Byng Ave., had pleaded not guilty to five counts of theft, five of fraud and one of breach of trust following his arrest after the February 1981 collapse of CHSO.



**Ald. PETER CLARKE  
Bought property**

will begin its fall program in October. Check the sheet in your envelope. There is a myriad of activities. Something to suit everyone. Do plan to participate and enjoy.

### REPORT ON MAY BREAKFAST MEETING

In many ways, this gathering is the most pleasant of the year. There was an excellent turnout of 291. Friendships were renewed. It was a great opportunity to chat and find out what everyone had been doing and planned to do.

Our President, Molly, chaired a most relaxing meeting. Anyway, how could you lose with a friend like Duncan Green as speaker.

Don't miss next year. Jot down the date now -

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1983

### TRIBUTE

Each newsletter we have mentioned members who have given outstanding service to S.T.O., District 16.

One such colleague is Vicki McNabb. Vicki was one of the originals, dedicated, hard working, concerned about her fellow teachers. Did you know it was Vicki who negotiated our present meeting place when S.T.O. District 16, needed a new home? She has been a tower of strength for our organization.

Thanks, Vicki, for the many hours of guidance and concern so freely given.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

by Don Nethery, Archivist of the Toronto Board of Education, to catalogue texts and photographs, to assist in a research project re the history of authorized textbooks and, to offer to record memories of events.

### PROFITABLE READING (Health that is!)

Margaret Smith, our secretary, recommends the following two books for all seniors;

"Don't Take It Easy"- (Fitness for the Older Canadian)  
Contains among other aids a "Prescription for Physical Activity" and an "Exercise Program"  
- a Federal publication (Fitness and Sport)

"Shopping for Food and Nutrition" -  
gathers together tips and ideas for buying, cooking and diet  
- A Federal publication (Agriculture)

### ABSENTEE NOTES FROM ANONYMOUS PARENTS

"Dear School: Please excuse John for being absent January 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33"

"Marie could not come to school becus she was bothered by very close veins"

"Please excuse Joey. He had loose vowels Friday"

The first course will be well underway by the time you receive this notice. Two more series are planned for 1983. "The Development of Quebec from a Regional Perspective", will be offered from January through March on Thursdays from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. "The Many Ways of Being Canadian", will be a fall program on Mondays from 12.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m..

For details, write to Later Life Learning Lecture Series, c/of Community Relations Office, Simcoe Hall, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A1

DISTRICT 16, GOODWILL COMMITTEE

Laura Schissler, and her committee make up one of the most active groups in S.T.O. Their cards, letters and phone calls have given members comfort and a feeling of belonging.

Phone Laura or any member of her committee re illness or bereavement.

MOLLY MOORE  
President

MARY THOMAS  
Communications

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IN MEMORIAM

Hilda Bedford  
Bea Bruin  
Mabel Bull  
Mary Casson  
Muriel Dingle  
Stanley Gamey  
Ina Limon  
Edward McPherson  
Ernie Hart  
Lorne Henry

William Miller  
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