

NEWSLETTER

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Superannuated Teachers of Ontario

District 16 City of Toronto



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MIKE LENNOX

Heave a sigh of relief, the president you elected during the year of the loon has almost completed his term.

Early in the new year we suffered the tremendous loss of Molly Moore. In addition to acting as Membership Secretary (a mammoth task in itself), she sent out newsletters to other districts, organized the May Breakfast and was a focal point of inquiries from many members. Molly never did anything half-heartedly.

We were fortunate to recruit Betty Chandorkar who has done an admirable job. In addition, we decided to have a small committee made up of Cecilia Dineen, Wilson Brooks and Mike Lennox to assist her. Elizabeth Patterson, after years of devoted service as chairman of the Goodwill Committee felt it was time to take it a little easier. Mel McLean, assisted by ~~better~~ half Enid, has taken on the task and the transition has been quite smooth. Our Newsletter Editor, Phil Hornick, felt it necessary to resign because of other pressures. He and I were consultants together in the ~~fifties~~ so we turned to another consultant of that era Mary Noylander. She worked with Phil during 1987-88 and has now taken over.

Because of the above three situations, I have urged our committee chairman to have back up people in the wings. These people are not necessarily members of the executive.

Three members elected in 1987 have made a tremendous impact: Bill Quinn, Provincial Health Service Representative, Doug Sparks, local Club Sixteen leader (of course how could he go wrong with the GANGS help!) and, Don Cooper, who has done an outstanding job of Treasurer.

Four members of District 16 are prominent in our provincial organization. Al Robb is 1st Vice-President, Mary Thomas is Public Relations Chairman, Bernice McGinn is on the Newsletter Committee and Mike Lennox is Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee "S.T.O. and the Future".

I'd like to mention all, but it is not possible. However, Hank Condie keeps us day-tripping and the Cookie Monster, Anne Fraser, keeps us well fed. We decided not to have a speaker at the last May Breakfast and were enthralled by the string group from Glenview Senior School led by Don Wasilenko. Now, if the Sweet 16's (see elsewhere) get organized perhaps we'll have our own people to entertain us!

It seems only fitting in this, the Olympic Year, that I should pass the torch (baton) in this never ending relay of presidents to one who, among her other accomplishments, was an Assistant Co-ordinator in the Physical and Health Education Department -- good luck Bernice!



EVENTS YOU SHOULD NOT MISS

***** CLUB SIXTEEN AND ORIENTATION MEETING *****

✓ Monday, October 3, 1988 - 1:30 p.m.
St. Margaret's Church Hall
(Avenue Rd. and Burnaby Blvd., one block north of Eglinton Ave.)

At this meeting, Mike Lennox and Wilson Brooks will make a brief presentation regarding S.T.O.'s Provincial Organization and Club 16. They will answer your questions to help you understand the place that each group holds in S.T.O.

The speaker will be Rev. Brad Lemmon who will tell about the new Drop In Centre at All Saints' Anglican Church. Additional members of the executive of District 16 will be present to welcome you. This meeting will provide you with the opportunity of greeting former colleagues as well.

***** ANNUAL MEETING *****

Wednesday, October 12, 1988 - 1:30 p.m.
Toronto Board of Education Auditorium
155 College Street

The speaker at this meeting will be Ken Pauli, a volunteer with the Heritage Foundation who will talk about the restoration of the Elgin Wintergarden. On the agenda as well, will be the election of officers for 1988-1989 and the presentation of Past Presidents' Pins.

We are looking forward to seeing you in the audience. Here again, this is a good opportunity to meet former colleagues.

***** BENEFITS MEETING WITH JOHNSON INSURANCE *****

Wednesday, November 2, 1988 - 1:30 p.m.
Toronto Board of Education Auditorium
155 College Street

In view of the recent changes (September 1, 1988) in the S.T.O. Group Benefit Plans (Semi-private Hospital, Extended Health Care, Dental) it will be to your advantage to attend this very important meeting. About three weeks prior to the meeting, you will be receiving from Johnson Insurance, an invitation to be present at the meeting when a Johnson representative will give a presentation, then answer your questions from the floor or in private consultation. The invitation will have a section to be returned in a stamped return envelope. We urge you to reply as soon as you receive the invitation. There are a few controversial matters that will be of interest to many, e.g., travel coverage. The S.T.O. Newsletter will contain information regarding the changes, but this meeting will provide you with the opportunity to ask questions relating to your own situation. The meeting will be chaired by Bernice McGinn and Bill Quinn.

Your District 16 executive urges you to attend. If you enjoy the coffee and chat before the meeting please try to be there by 12:30 as the meeting will start promptly at 1:00 p.m. and continue until 3:00 p.m.

REPORT ON HEALTH SERVICE AND INSURANCE PLANS FROM:

District 16 Representative:

Bill Quinn

33 Plateau Crescent, Don Mills, Ontario, M3C 1M9

Telephone: 444-2339

Recently, the S.T.O. Provincial Health Services Committee announced a number of changes in the Semi-Private Hospital, Extended Health Care and Dental Plans effective September 1, 1988. More complete details will be issued in the Fall issue of the S.T.O. Newsletter. To help the District Representative become familiar with these and other insurance plans, the Provincial Committee is offering a one day seminar for all District Representatives on September 26, 1988. If you have any suggestions, comments that might help your District Representative at the seminar or need information about these plans please contact Bill Quinn. The matter of S.T.O. membership requirements for participants in Group Health and Insurance Plans is still under consideration by S.T.O.

ABOUT CLUB SIXTEEN

Club Sixteen is the social arm of District 16. When you pay your \$5.00 to join District 16 S.T.O., you automatically become a member of Club Sixteen and are eligible to join in on any of the activities. As well as holding regular monthly meetings from October to May when guest speakers are invited, Club Sixteen also features monthly Travelogues and Needlecraft meetings. The Bridge Group meets twice a month. Each year there are two Day Trips. An information bulletin is published several times a year. If you are looking for enjoyment and excellent fellowship, please join in on the meetings that are held in St. Margaret's Church Hall (Avenue Rd and Burnaby Blvd., one block north of Eglinton). Doug Sparks represents Club Sixteen on the District 16 executive. He will be very pleased to have you attend as many activities as possible.

GOODWILL

To the majority of members Goodwill is just a name. It was that way for the President until the afternoon of August 7th. As he lay resplendent in a semi-private gown in a semi-private room in St. Joseph's Hospital, he was visited by two members of the Goodwill Committee who presented him with a beautiful hibiscus. On behalf of all the recipients through the years -- thanks to the Goodwill Committee and the general membership for your thoughtfulness. It means a great deal to be remembered!

MEMBERSHIP

Members of District 16 who live outside of the City should make sure that the S.T.O. office knows that you wish to belong to District 16. At one time you received a Consent and Authorization form for regular membership in the S.T.O. On the form you were asked where you wished to belong. If the section was not filled in, the grant from S.T.O. would go to the area in which you reside. To rectify this, write or phone the S.T.O. office, 1260 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5R 2B5 (962-9463).

SING! SING! SING!

The "Sweet 16's" are looking for recruits. Although the president is an orthodox monotone, we have many members who have belonged to choral groups or who just love to sing. Now is your chance to join the Sweet 16's! Carol Kerr (former Music Consultant) has indicated that she would be interested in leading such a group. If you are interested, (even a little bit), please phone Carol at 481-6771 or contact Carol or Mike at the October 3, October 12 or November 2 meetings.

District 16 is pleased to welcome Duncan Green who retired August 31, 1988 from the position of Assistant Deputy Minister of Education.

IN MEMORIAM

During the past year the following members of District 16 have passed away. They are missed.

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| W.G. Doidge | Beatrice L. Machin |
| Zerna Haworth | Betty W. Pearson |
| Mary H. Gibson | Agnes B. Skinner |
| James A. Thomson | Catherine Byber |
| Ruth Brinkman | Jean L. Fitzgerald |
| Mary V. Brown | Frank C. O'Toole |
| Frances Jones | Marjorie E. Ward |
| Katherine MacDonell | Bohdan Ruszczyk |
| Gladys Cannon | |

 * Battle cry of all those who have been forced to cut lawns this summer -- *
 * "Every blade of grass is a living organism! People who mow their *
 * lawns are mass murderers!" *
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BEST FIVE YEARS FOR ALL RETIRED TEACHERS

EQUITY FAIRNESS JUSTICE

From: The Executive Board Peterborough District 36 S.T.O.

Re: The recalculation of pensions of teachers who retired before 1982

The following summary of pension adjustments is provided to assist in the recognition of our request.

Teachers' Superannuation Fund (T.S.F.)	GROUP A TEACHERS (retired before 1976)	GROUP B TEACHERS (retired between 1976-1982)	GROUP C TEACHERS (retired after May 1982)
Escalation Fund S.A.B.A.	1976 - Escalation (see note below)	1976 - Escalation - 8% cap for all teachers. Superannuation Adjustments Benefit Act establishes a fund to cover the cost of escalation - S.A.B.A. ✓	1984 - May - Bill 148 - pensions based on the best 5 years. Retroactive to May 1982. Pension paid from the T.S.F. Escalation - included in the pension in the same manner as in Group B - paid from S.A.B.A. ✓
Consolidated Revenue	1976 - Escalation - The full cost of the escalation was paid for by the government out of the Consolidated Revenue of the Province of Ontario. 1987 - Regulation 156 - low pensions are recalculated - increase in minimum - paid for from Consolidated Revenue. 1949 - pensions based on last 15 years - former retirees received \$10 per month 1971 - a 2% increase for 1969 or earlier. 1973 - a 2% increase for 1971 pensions and 4% increase for pre-1971 pensions. 1974 - a 4% increase for 1973 pensions and 8% increase for pre-1973 pensions. 1975 - an 8% increase for pre-1974 pensions pro-rata increase for 1974 retirees. 1976 - automatic escalation with 8% cap. ✓	<p align="center"><i>N.B.</i> Rate of Teacher Contribution to T.S.F. 1945 - 4% ← 1949 - 6% 1984 - 6.9% Note 50% increase in 1949. By 1984 we had a surplus!</p>	
Surplus			1986 - Bill 103 "window" May '86-Sept. '89. Pension calculated without penalty if you are 55 ✓ and teaching 10 years - paid from surplus. 1987 - Bill 55 - May 31, '87-Sept. '90. Pension calculated without penalty after 35 years teaching and less than 65 years - paid from surplus.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF DISTRICT 16

DISTRICTS 4, 25, 28, 37 AND 38 HAVE SENT PETITIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE ASKING FOR BEST 5-YEAR PENSIONS FOR ALL RETIRED TEACHERS.

WE MUST CONVINCED M.L.A.'S TO SPEAK ON OUR BEHALF IN THE LEGISLATURE.

- O.T.F. SUPPORTS OUR CAUSE.
- THE SUPERANNUATION FUND HAS A SURPLUS.
- WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF EVERY MEMBER OF DISTRICT 16.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE PETITION SHEET TO:

MARY THOMAS
43 CASTLE FRANK CRESCENT
TORONTO, ONTARIO
M4W 3A2

BEST 5 COMMITTEE:

BILL BUDDENHAGEN
BETTY CHANDORKAR

RUTH GIBSON
WILSON BROOKS

JIM YOUNGSON
MARY THOMAS

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