

# NEWSLETTER

January 1989

Superannuated Teachers of Ontario

District 16 City of Toronto

## A Message from the President



As we leave the Holiday Season and enter a New Year, your executive and I have renewed our commitment to you, the members of District 16, STO/ERO, to pursue our mission of service with increased zeal and enthusiasm.

This will continue to be a year of challenge. The negotiations of the Biennial Review Committee will bring significant changes in our pension reorganization, its means of funding and investment, and possibly an equal sharing with the government for the financing of the benefits, both profits and losses. The success or failure of our "Best Five" Campaign may become an integral part in these negotiations. Furthermore, to quote Mr. Causley: "Whatever the final agreement may be, the one benefit that must not be changed is the one providing for AUTOMATIC ESCALATION". However, a look on the brighter side will show that "the government negotiations have indicated a willingness to explore all suggested improvements to benefits".

What we need now and in the future is that quality of mind or soul that the ancient Greeks called "enthousiasmos", a word roughly meaning being possessed by a god. Under the spell of divine power, ordinary mortals see things beyond the range of human vision. This enthusiasm or ecstasy of mind defines the strength of emotion and determination that seems to make all things possible.

However, the belief of the ancients that only the gods can bestow enthusiasm upon their chosen few may be misleading. I contend that this analogy applies most clearly in our contemporary age to a unique community of educators. Teachers, administrators and professors, throughout the educational system, have been endowed with this special gift of enthusiasm. To recall an outstanding teacher from our school days is to remember the enthusiasm he/she displayed while explaining a solution to a difficult mathematical problem, or helping us to unravel a puzzling enigma on our own. They inspired confidence and assurance that we could succeed.

It is well-known that enthusiasm binds people together. We need your ideas to help us work toward the fulfillment of STO objectives, and ultimately develop a progressive association. Five executive members named in this newsletter are eager to answer your inquiries and receive your ideas and suggestions. We never know what we can do until we try!

Best wishes for a New Year that brings to you peace and contentment; prosperity and friendship.

"Don't Worry, Be Happy!"

Bernice McGinn  
President, District 16, S.T.O.



## MEMBERSHIP

STO Memberships are processed through the **STO Office, 1260 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5R 2B7.** You arrange with STO to have the fee taken off your January Pension Cheque each year. If you do not inform the STO office of the District to which you would like to belong, you will be assigned to the District where you live.

District 16 of STO is the City of Toronto.

If your address lies within the boundaries of Toronto, you will be listed under the District 16 membership.

If you have informed STO office that you wish to affiliate with the Toronto District, you will be listed under District 16 membership.

If you live outside Toronto and you wish to change your membership to Toronto, it is necessary to inform the STO office of this change -- Provincial office, Bay Street address (above) ~~489-0778~~. The grants from the Provincial Office are determined by the number of members in each District.

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Many members wish to be affiliated with the District where they worked rather than where they live. Each District executive plans programs to give members opportunities to meet with former co-workers and the Newsletters share information about people in the District. District 16, Toronto, membership is \$5.00 a year. This annual fee (September 1 to August 31) helps with our mailing costs, meetings and social programs. Upon payment of your annual fee, District 16 (Toronto) you will be sent a membership card and you will be on our active mailing list for a year.

A phone call to the Provincial office will help to keep the mailing lists up-to-date. For your convenience here is a list of the nearby Districts and Membership chairmen. (1987-88)

13 - Hamilton-Wentworth	John Guenther	383-8211
15 - Halton	Evelyn Carleton	637-6990
16 - City of Toronto	Betty Chandorkar	622-1863
22 - Etobicoke and York	Margaret Forsyth	651-7360
23 - City of North York	Jean Towler	489-0778
24 - Scarborough and East York	Betty Berger	691-7188
34 - York Region	John Kippen	773-4091
39 - Peel	Mary Shore	451-2237

### UPDATE - BEST 5 CAMPAIGN

On December 15th, District 16 (Toronto)'s petition re Best 5 was presented in the Legislature by Mr. Brad J. Nixon, M.P.P. for York Mills. Our thanks to those who signed and mailed in their petitions and to the group of retirees who braved the elements and came to the Legislature to support the presentation.

Toronto's petition is only one of many. Please read Facts and Impressions, the Newsletter of Senate proceedings, for details of the province-wide support. Evidently the most crucial period for our political campaign is from December '88 to March '89. So keep up the pressure- letters and calls to your M.P.P.

#### Best 5 Committee

Jim Youngson	Ruth Gilson
Wilson Brooks	Bill Buddenhagen
Betty Chandorkar	Mary Thomas

### NOVEMBER SENATE

The STO/ERO Senate met in November, 1988, at the Westbury Hotel and District 16 was well represented. We are honoured to have one of our own members, Al Robb, as the 1989 Provincial President. Bernice McGinn, our President and George Hayes our 1st Vice-president attended, as well as Mary Thomas (Public Relations Committee) and Mike Lennox (Futures Committee). Cecilia Dineen and Mary Noylander were observers.

A very comprehensive outline of the proceedings was published in the last STO/ERO Newsletter, Facts and Impressions issue. It is important that you, as a member of District 16, should be aware of the work that is being done on your behalf. Your input is always welcome and duly requested. The following executive members are available to answer your queries. Please call them for your concerns, information and ideas.

Mike Lennox	621-6797	Bernice McGinn	491-0206
George Hayes	221-3716	Doug Sparks	742-7033
Bill Quinn	444-2339	Betty Chandorkar	622-1863

### SWEET SIXTEENS

At the present time only nine members have shown an interest in being part of a choral group -- the Sweet Sixteens. This is not enough to get off the ground satisfactorily. We will try again for September 1989. Thank you to those who indicated a desire to participate.

## THE ELGIN AND WINTER GARDEN PROJECT

At the General Meeting on October 12, 1988, Ken Pauli, a Toronto teacher gave a most enjoyable slide presentation about the Elgin and Winter Garden Theatres.

This slide presentation is available free of charge to educational organizations, business associations, historical societies, service clubs and seniors' groups. The thirty-minute slide show traces the history of the two theatres from the opening of the complex in 1913 to the present day renovation and restoration of this National Historic Site. The presentation is conducted by a well-trained project volunteer who will also answer questions and distribute project brochures. Bookings can be made in advance by contacting Jenny Ginder, Public Relations Officer, Elgin and Winter Garden Project, 10 Adelaide St. East, Suite 101, Toronto, M5C 1J3 or by calling (416) 963-3571.

The project is looking for people who would be interested in becoming involved. Volunteer information and applications can be obtained from Arnie Lappin at the project office. Some of the areas of involvement are:

- assisting with special events
- computer data inputting
- arranging tours of the complex
- staffing displays at various venues
- speaking to organizations about the project
- assisting with research of heritage theatres
- mailing assistance: stuffing, licking and stamping!
- secretarial assistance
- giving tours of the complex
- telephone enquiries
- fundraising solicitation

### WHAT DO YOU DO WITH YOUR TIME?

I talk to quite a number of pre-retirees; many say they don't know what they will do with all their free time. I would appreciate hearing from members who would drop me a note (unsigned if you desire anonymity).

I am particularly interested in:

- 1) Second Careers (e.g., real estate, growing orchids, raising horses)
- 2) Volunteer Work
  - in organizations (e.g., Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, church work)
  - as individuals (e.g., care-giver)
- 3) Hobbies (e.g., painting, dancing, cooking)
- 4) Educational (e.g., Limitless Learning)
- 5) Travel
- 6) Any other activity you wish to draw to my attention

I promise to publish the results of this informal survey in the fall.

If you prefer to phone instead of write, do so. The best time to catch me is between 4:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. or after the late news at 6:00 p.m.

In breathless anticipation.....

Mike Lennox, 37 Deanefield Crescent, Etobicoke, Ontario M9B 3B2  
Telephone: 621-6797

S.T.O. DISTRICT 16 - TORONTO

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 15, 1989

Toronto Board of Education - Auditorium  
155 College Street

1:30 p.m.  
(1:00 p.m. for coffee, tea and cookies)

TOPICS:

- 1) S.T.O. Budget - President Al Robb and Executive Director Jim Causley
  - It's your money
  - Do you know where it is going?
- 2) Superannuation
  - How will the changes affect you?
- 3) Health and Insurance Plans
  - New Brochure - out of country I.D. card
  - Are there any questions?

An opportunity will be provided at the end of each presentation for your short, provocative questions.

Be informed ..... Meet old friends

BE SURE TO COME!!

- \*\*\*\*\* Please bring:
- S.T.O. Newsletter - Fall 1988 issue (with red insert)
  - S.T.O. Facts and Impressions - The Senate (Nov. 1988)

IMPORTANT RESOURCE MATERIAL

**IN MEMORIAM**

During the past few months the following retirees have passed away. They are missed.

Lawrence Barton  
Gladys Cannon  
Ella Cressman  
Milan Cunderlek  
Margaret Goad  
Graham Gore  
Agnes Gorrie  
Marjory Howard  
Mary Lehane  
Murdoch MacDonald  
Cornelius McAfee  
Winifred Redmond

Zella McCartney  
Herbert McCordic  
Ronald McKay  
Ella McKinnon  
Doris Millington  
Woody Moore  
Elizabeth Newman  
Archie Walls  
Marian Wilkinson  
Denzil Minnan-Wong  
William Wragg

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Quoted by His Majesty King George VI on one of his Empire Broadcasts.

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year \_\_\_\_ "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you, better than light and safer than a known way."

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