

NEWSLETTER

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Superannuated Teachers of Ontario

District 16 City of Toronto

Les Enseignants Retraités de L'Ontario

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BERNICE MCGINN



"It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul."

Invictus - William Ernest Henley

By constitution, S.T.O. is a democratic organization whose aim is to serve and promote the interests of persons receiving pensions under the Teachers' Superannuation Act. Its strength is its members and their willingness to share ideas that will promote the wellbeing of the total membership. "One for all and all for one."

Nowhere has this philosophy been more evident than in the daily operation of individual executive members. With a special portfolio to fulfill, each member has judiciously discharged his or her commitment. Club 16 has continued to spread the warmth of its hospitality and fellowship, keeping us young at heart.

We may all take a little pride in District 16's achievements over the past year. Our programs have attracted record attendance; our membership has increased, and our newsletter has reached a circulation of over one thousand.

Two significant changes have strengthened our position. Under the chairmanship of our past president, Mike Lennox, our district Constitution has been revamped to reflect more precisely the philosophy and needs of our local area while remaining consistent with the original goal and objectives of the Provincial Constitution.

The application of computer technology to our membership records has reduced considerably the time and effort of our loyal volunteers who have faithfully assisted with the mailing of the newsletter. Our appreciation, nevertheless, is extended to all those members who joined us to guarantee that "the mail went through on time".

As President of District 16, whose term of office for 1988-89 is approaching its finale, I wish to thank each member of my executive and all those of Club 16 for their enthusiastic support. Their dedication, talent, and progressive ideas have made this year for me one of challenge and satisfaction.

To our new members, I extend a warm welcome. We need your expertise, your experience, and your support.

"As one door closes, another opens." Enter Mr. George Hayes. We are privileged to have holding the reins for 1989-90 a retired Superintendent from Area East, a gentleman of great repute and kindly wisdom. I look forward to working under his leadership as his past president.



What Kind of an Organization is S.T.O./E.R.O.?

By process S.T.O./E.R.O. is a democratic organization. A portion of each of the three district meetings held each year is devoted to open discussion of the current S.T.O. state of affairs. Members are invited to propose motions or resolutions to any S.T.O. interest or concern. If the meeting votes acceptance, the motion or resolution with its rationale, will be directed to the Provincial Senate for its approval or rejection. The Provincial Newsletter and Facts and Impressions Report will publicize significant decisions.

It is your right to participate in the affairs of S.T.O./E.R.O. by attending District 16's meetings and voicing your opinion.

The Annual General Meeting - District 16 - Toronto

Thursday, October 19, 1989

Auditorium - Education Centre
155 College Street, Toronto

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Plan to join us for refreshments and good conversation

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Highlights of the past year, October 1988-89

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Speaker: **Constable Frank Bergen**
Crime Prevention Department,
Metropolitan Toronto Police

Topic: **Security for Seniors**

Part of this period will be open to address
your personal questions and concerns.

MEMBERSHIP IN S.T.O. DISTRICT 16 (Toronto City)

We are again sending out the membership forms for the 1989-90 season. We have maintained the fee at \$5.00 for this year, even though the printing and mailing costs have increased considerably. Last year we had over 800 paid members in District 16. These Retired Teachers have opted to affiliate with District 16 (Toronto City) because:

- a) They live in the City of Toronto and are automatically on the Toronto mailing list through the head office of S.T.O.
- b) They live outside of Toronto but have transferred their membership to Toronto District by informing S.T.O. head office of their wish to belong to District 16 - Toronto.
- c) They live outside of Toronto and belong to their home district and also belong to District 16 - Toronto.
- d) They are not Provincial S.T.O. members, but wish to belong to District 16 - Toronto.

The S.T.O. (Provincial) membership fee is taken off your January pension upon your request to S.T.O. head office.

The S.T.O. District 16 - Toronto fee is a local membership fee. This \$5.00 levy is to assist in printing and mailing the Newsletters, to help support our Club 16 activities, and to partially subsidize the May breakfast.

WELCOME TO THE CLUB.....

My Five Dollars for District 16 - Where Does It Go?

Members of the executive are very often asked that question. So often, in fact, that we felt that the Newsletter should provide the answers. Your membership charge of \$5.00 is used to defray the costs of the following responsibilities and activities:

General Meeting: Speaker's honorarium, coffee and cookies

May Breakfast: Honorarium for speaker or entertainer, breakfast, service, room rental, flowers (District 16 subsidizes this event)

Annual Meeting: Speaker's honorarium, coffee and cookies

Club 16 Activities and Tours: Presenters' costs, room rental, refreshments

Executive Meetings: (usually six per year) Room rental, coffee and cookies

Goodwill Committee: Cards, postage, flowers

Newsletter - District 16 and Club 16: Printing, postage, room rental for mailing activity (folding, stuffing, stamping) by District 16 members.

S.T.O. Senate Meetings: The Senate of S.T.O. meets in Toronto twice a year for two days of meetings. The expenses for those eligible to attend from District 16 are provided. However, since the meetings are held in Toronto, the expenses are kept to a minimum

Service Pins: Awarded each year to those who have given special service to District 16

Miscellaneous Printing and Postage: For emergency notices; e.g., notice sent last spring re the rally at the Liberal convention in Hamilton.

The many hours given by your executive members are without charge and are discharged with a priceless feeling of responsibility to all retired teachers in District 16 -- and we enjoy it!

Mike Lennox asks, "How Is Your Constitution?"

Better, I hope, than District 16 that doesn't have one. Do you know what this means? We are bound by one drafted at the Provincial level. Do you know how difficult it is to live with a transplanted constitution?

Therefore, Mike Lennox accepted the onerous, thankless, unpaid task of drafting a constitution. The executive is expected to approve it at their meeting on Thursday, September 14. Mike will present it to the District 16 members at the General Meeting on October 19. Because he is sensitive to your concerns, highlights only will be discussed.

Also from Mike Lennox: re: Volunteers

What do you do with your time? You are too busy!! My breathless anticipation, (see January 1989 Newsletter) was unrewarded. I just want you to know it's not, the first time. From a membership of over 800 I received 7 letters and 6 phone calls!

Obviously this is too small a sample to satisfy Mulroney, far less Mike Lennox, so I am not able to submit a report.

To the 7 letter writers a great big thank you. To the 6 phoners, a small thank you and to the rest, you will be too busy to read this anyway. Lang mae your lum reeke!

Regarding S.T.O. and Futures, please watch for the Provincial Newsletter containing an article on Gerontology and Research at McMaster University.

Legislation is pending which will allow retirees to teach up to 95 days. Up-to-date information will be available in the new year, either through the Provincial Office or in District 16's January Newsletter.

Volunteers

The following information and request was received in a letter to Bernice McGinn, President of District 16, from Tin Yap, Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE).

An emergency support program for Chinese students in Canada has been created by the Right Honourable Joe Clark through the CBIE.

Many Chinese students who have finished their program of study at post-secondary institutions do not want to return to China immediately because they fear for their safety. Their financial support ends with the termination of their program. Therefore, short-term job placement (6-18 months) is crucial.

Help is being asked in the area of support service, for job placement including general counselling on the Canadian workplace, job hunting skills such as writing a resume and preparing for an interview. Much of this voluntary work will entail only an evening or half a day during a weekday or weekend. Any help you can provide will be deeply appreciated by the recipients and the Government of Canada.

If you feel that you would like to reply to this request for voluntary support you may call 1-800-267-3374 (toll free) or write to:

Tin Yap, Director,
Community Mobilization,
Chinese Student Secretariat,
c/o CBIE, 85 Albert Street - Suite 1400,
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5A4

or: FAX (613) 237-1300.

* CLUB SIXTEEN October-November 1989 *

* Club 16 Christmas Tour - HANK SCORES AGAIN! Monday, December 18, 1989 *

* Leave Yorkdale Shopping Centre 1:15 p.m. Visit the Canadian Automotive Museum for *
* one hour of nostalgia. Then proceed to the renewed, refurbished and augmented *
* Cullen Gardens (since our prior visit) for a full course roast beef dinner from *
* 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. Follow this up with a viewing of the special Christmas *
* displays indoors and out. Board the bus for the return trip, arrival at Yorkdale *
* at approximately 7:20 p.m. Cost: \$30.50 per person. This includes admissions, *
* taxes and gratuities. Register by Tuesday, October 31st. Mail cheques, payable *
* to Club 16 S.T.O., to Hank Condie, 92 Pebblehill Square, Agincourt, Ontario *
* M1S 2P9 - Telephone: 291-8770. *

* Meetings are held at St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Avenue Road at Burnaby *
* Blvd., 1 street north of Eglinton Avenue West. *

* October Program *

* October 2 - Monday - 1:30 p.m. - MONTHLY SOCIAL - "The Tower of London - Plots *
* and Intrigues surrounding the Tower in Sixteenth Century Britain", presented *
* by Mrs. Ruth Lewis, medieval history graduate from U. of T. Program Committee *
* Chairman: Jean Eccles - 962-8905 *

* October 3, 17 & 31 - Tuesdays - 1:30 p.m. - BRIDGE - For information: Grey *
* Barrick - 922-4764 or Lillian Gang - 783-3586 *

* October 24 - Tuesday - 1:30 p.m. - NEEDLECRAFTS - with Nell Godfrey - 624-8689 *

* October 25 - Wednesday - 10:15 a.m. - TRAVEL - "Turkey - All" - presented by *
* Louise Griffith, convener, 291-1076 *

* November Program *

* November 6 - Monday - 1:30 p.m. - MONTHLY SOCIAL - To Be Announced. *

* November 7 & 21 - Tuesdays - 1:30 p.m. - BRIDGE *

* November 28 - Tuesday - 1:30 p.m. - NEEDLECRAFTS *

* November 29 - Wednesday - 10:15 a.m. - TRAVEL - "Elderhostels", with Edith Cosens *

* Club Notes *

* Our appreciation to District 16 for the production and mailing of this bulletin. *
* Re: December/January Bulletin, please advise either Lillian Gang - 783-3586 or *
* Grey Barrick - 922-4764 by December 12, of announcements or changes in *
* forthcoming programs. *

For the first time in its history the **National Middle School Conference** is being held outside of the United States. It is scheduled for Toronto from October 25 to October 28, 1989 and over 12,000 delegates are expected. The sessions are being held downtown, mainly at the Sheraton Centre. The committee has asked District 16 for their support in the areas of hospitality and information, which include many interesting non-onerous courtesy tasks. If you would like to help or wish more information please call Tony Caputo - East Education Office - 393-9694.

In Memoriam

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

Helen S. Allan	Dan Mewhort
F. Bazett-Jones	Madeleine Moldon
Hazel M. Belyea	William Noble
A.W. Blakeley	Ruby Osterhout
Mary Every	Helen E. Pracht
Vivian L. Foley	Florence Reid
J.L. Gill	John W. Riseborough
Helene Goodwill	Viola Scott
John D. MacLeod	A.E. Strong
Ella MacKinnon	Ida K. Struth
John McRorie	J.S. Toogood

LIFE IS A GIFT	- Accept it
LIFE IS A DUTY	- Perform it
LIFE IS LOVE	- Enjoy it
LIFE IS A PROMISE	- Fulfill it
LIFE IS A GOAL	- Achieve it
LIFE IS A TRAGEDY	- Face it
LIFE IS A STRUGGLE	- Fight it
LIFE IS A MYSTERY	- Unfold it
LIFE IS A PUZZLE	- Solve it
LIFE IS A GAME	- Play it
LIFE IS AN OPPORTUNITY	- Take it
LIFE IS A JOURNEY	- Complete it