

NEWSLETTER

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SUPERANNUATED TEACHERS OF ONTARIO
Les Enseignants Retraites de L'Ontario

DISTRICT 16 CITY OF TORONTO



GREETINGS TO ALL S.T.O. DISTRICT 16 MEMBERS

The Social Division is Club 16. If you haven't joined one of its activities listed in the Club 16 Newsletter you are missing a great deal. The "Travel Group" offers a 'treat' each month. It is attended by a few people, active travellers and armchair travellers, who enjoy the beautiful slides shown by world-class travellers and photographers. It is a privilege to remind you that Marion Igelstrom will take the group to "Eastern Turkey" via her slides on March 28, 1991. Hope to see you there.

Mr. Bill Jones, the New Executive Director of S.T.O., took up his new duties in early January. Bill Jones is "in office" now and willing to provide help whenever and wherever he can.

Seniors who take public transportation in Metro Toronto, Brampton, Vaughan, Markham and Mississauga and are 65 years of age or over are no longer required to show proof of residency to purchase discount transit tickets when travelling in those municipalities.

A "public" discussion paper entitled "Changing for the Better" recently came to my desk. It's an invitation to talk about "A New Canada" prepared and published by the Provincial Government. The booklet was written to launch public discussions about our future. Some will be led by the Select Committee on Ontario in Confederation. You may have watched and listened to, agreed or disagreed with these discussions on television. Do you have concerns in this regard you wish to present to the Committee? For information about how to reach the Committee you can telephone the toll-free number:

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A tale is told about Sir Malcolm Sargant. During World War II he was about to begin conducting a concert when the air raid sirens sounded.

"Anyone who wishes to leave may do so now" he announced. "The orchestra will carry on. We may be killed, but we shall play something Hitler can never kill."

Not one person left.

Thank God for all the indestructible and beautiful things which no man can destroy.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Hardie

GENERAL MEETING - DISTRICT 16 - TORONTO

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1991

AUDITORIUM - EDUCATION CENTRE
155 COLLEGE STREET

- 12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Plan to join your friends for refreshments and conversation
- 1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Business
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Slide presentation by Mr. Bacher from Kodak. Illustrating tips on photography using selected regions in Europe and North America
- 3:00 p.m. Adjournment

S.T.O./ERO DISTRICT 16

MAY BREAKFAST

THUR. MAY 9
~~WEDNESDAY - MAY 15~~, 1991

8:15 A.M.

ROYAL YORK HOTEL

(Subsidized by District 16)

HEALTH & INSURANCE

During December, 1990, and January, 1991, Johnson Insurance had difficulty with a number of claims payments.

Johnson Insurance was closed during Christmas week, resulting in 900 claims arriving on December 31, 1990. January claims increased dramatically as many participants saved claims till the end of the year and submitted those early in January. This situation was complicated with the loss or delay of a large number of cheques by the Post Office between December 6 and January 4.

Johnson expects all claims to be a four day turnaround. Hopefully you are all receiving your cheques on time now. Please submit your claims as soon as possible after you have made your payments to your dentist, etc.

CLUB SIXTEEN BULLETIN

Meetings are held at St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Avenue Road and Burnaby Boulevard, one street north of Eglinton Avenue West.

APRIL 1991

April 1 - Monday - 1:30 p.m.

MONTHLY SOCIAL - Eldon Comfort will present "An Update: Nicaragua in 1990". This is a sequel to the fascinating account Eldon gave us a few years back. For information, please call Jean Watson - 421-8921.

April 2, 16 & 30 - Tuesdays - 1:30 p.m.

BRIDGE - For information, please call Lillian Gang - 783-3586.

April 23 - Tuesday - 1:30 p.m.

ARTS & CRAFTS - For information, please call Nell Godfrey - 624-8689.

April 24 - Wednesday - 10:15 a.m.

TRAVEL - Margaret Hampton will take us to "Africa from Top to Toe". For information, please call Louise Griffith - 291-1076.

MAY 1991

May 6 - Monday - 1:30 p.m.

MONTHLY SOCIAL - Joseph Piccinnini, Judge of the Citizenship Court, will address us on "Citizenship" and related matters.

May 7 & 21 - Tuesdays - 1:30 p.m.

BRIDGE

May 28 - Tuesday - 1:30 p.m.

ARTS & CRAFTS

JUNE DAY TRIP - Courtesy of Hank Condie, 'The Pro'

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1991

To Caledonia, with boat cruises, lunch, and a tour of the Six Nations Reserve places of interest.

Meet 9:00 a.m. at Yorkdale parking lot, board bus, and leave. Upon arriving at our destination, Caledonia, we take a short nature cruise on a tributary of the Grand River, a pretty area, wooded and lush with plants of various kinds. Dinner is served aboard a larger boat during its 1 3/4 hour cruise of the Grand River. This will be followed by a guided bus tour of places of interest on the Six Nations Reserve, including a visit to the Mohawk Chapel. Arrive back at Yorkdale at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Cost is **\$36.00 per person**. Please mail your cheque payable to Club 16 STO to Hank Condie, 92 Pebblehill Sq., Agincourt, Ontario M1S 2P9. Telephone 291-8770.

Club Sixteen has had some excellent travelogues this year. One of special interest to those who attended was Bill Boden's slides and commentary presentation on "Toronto - 150 Years Young". This was no

ordinary slide show. We saw more than the usual and we are certain that many who attended will do a tour of their own to find the places that they had never seen or heard about! He certainly whetted our curiosities! Club 16 activities are a great opportunity to meet the men and women you probably haven't seen for a long time. Plan to attend soon!

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PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ARCHIVES

Over the past few years the P.S.A.A. has been actively encouraging the retrieval, compilation and cataloging of archival materials related to athletics in the elementary schools of Toronto.

The purposes of such an important undertaking include:

- 1) Developing a central file of archival materials for future use.
- 2) Using such materials to promote a segment rich in history and heritage of Toronto's elementary schools.
- 3) Ensuring that the heritage of future generations does not disappear.

This is the 90th Anniversary year of the P.S.A.A. Many of you are former students and/or coaches in Toronto schools. If you have any memorabilia (crests, ribbons, trophies, photos, etc.) you would be willing to donate or loan to the Archives we would appreciate having them. All photos will be reproduced and returned.

If you have any anecdotes of your time as a student and/or coach we would also appreciate having these.

Please send your name, address, phone number, school(s) attended or coached in, years attended and or coached, teams played on or coached, and any other comments to:

**P.S.A.A. ARCHIVES
ATTENTION: MR. ART WEBB
Toronto Board of Education
155 College Street
Toronto, Ontario
M5T 1P6**

If you have any questions call Art Webb at 755-8334.

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ABOUT YOUR WILL

One makes out a will to make sure that they have control over their estate. If there is no will, the Succession Law Reform Act sets out how the estate will be distributed. Without a will, settlement will likely be slower and more expensive for the family.

A will should be made when one is in good health and free from stress. It is best to have a lawyer and it need not be too costly. Proper preparation can minimize the time spent with the lawyer. Before making an appointment do the following:

- ◆ Name your executor(s) and list their relationships to you. It may help to provide their addresses as well.

List your assets. Write down what you own, R.R.S.P.'s, R.R.I.F.'s, insurance policies, benefits, bank accounts, investments. Include any identification and account numbers and where they are located. The location of a safety deposit box should be noted. It may help to list your personal belongings as well.

- ◆ List the people who are to receive the assets and clearly designate who is to get what.

In a true emergency you can buy pre-printed forms at most stationery stores. Be aware that some of these are not Canadian, do not comply with Canadian law and must be properly executed. Two non-involved witnesses are required for these. Also, a holograph will can be validly completed if it is entirely in the handwriting of the person making the will who must date it and sign it.

The Winter 1990/1991 S.T.O./ERO Newsletter contained the following useful information. The Information Department of the Law Society of Upper Canada has free, taped legal information through its Dial-a-Law Program. Topics include: How to Find a Lawyer, Why Make a Will, Making a Will, Probating an Estate, and Power of Attorney. These tapes can be accessed through the following numbers:

In Metro Toronto and Area: 947-3333
From Area Code 416: 1-800-387-2920

The Law Society also runs the Lawyer Referral Service where an operator will give you the name of a lawyer in your area who will give you a one-half hour interview with no charge. The lawyer referral service can be contacted through the following numbers:

In Metro Toronto and Area: 947-3330
From Area Code 416: 1-800-268-8326

If you are over 65 and receiving G.I.S., you can have a will prepared at no charge through legal aid. Your local legal aid office will send you a form which you take with proof of your G.I.S. status to a lawyer who accepts legal aid.

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Mary Dorothy Drever
Dorothy Findlay
Gordon Hepburn
E. Luzetta McClelland
Katie Elizabeth Taylor

Anna Marie O'Neill
Marie Alice Ryan
Gladys J. Sherman
Beatrice May Stevens

FOR ALL THOSE BORN BEFORE 1945
WE ARE SURVIVORS!!

Consider the changes we have witnessed.

We were born before television, before penicillin, before polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, frisbees and the PILL.

We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ballpoint pens; before pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes -- and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together. How quaint can you be?

In our time, closets were for clothes, not for "coming out of". Bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagens. Designer jeans were scheming girls named Jean or Jeanne, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along well with our cousins.

We thought fast food was what you ate during lent.

We were before house-husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and commuter marriages. We were before day-care centres, group therapy and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt, and guys wearing earrings. For us time-sharing meant togetherness - not computers or condominiums. A "chip" meant a piece of wood; hardware meant hardware; and software wasn't even a word.

In 1940 "made in Japan" meant junk, and the term "making out" referred to how you did on your exam. Pizzas, MacDonalds, and instant coffee were unheard of...

We hit the scene when there were 5 and 10 cent stores where you bought things for five and ten cents. For one nickel you could ride a streetcar, make a phone call, buy a Pepsi or enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600 but who could afford one? A pity too, because gas was 11 cents a gallon.

In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, GRASS was mowed, COKE was a cold drink and POT was something you cooked in. ROCK MUSIC was Grandma's Lullaby and AIDS were helpers in the Principal's office.

We were certainly not before the difference between sexes was discovered, but we were surely before the sex change; we made do with what we had. And we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby.

No wonder we are so confused and there is such a generation gap today!

BUT WE SURVIVED!!

WHAT BETTER REASON TO CELEBRATE!

(Thanks to whomever)