



APRIL 1992

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

As this Newsletter goes to print I shall be cruising down the Nile River à la Cleopatra (minus the asp!). However, I should be back to assist in the mailing, at which time STO/ERO business will resume as usual.

I would like to take this opportunity to apologize for the lack of information pertinent to the Winter Annual Meeting in the last Newsletter. Early in the fall a provincial politician was invited to address the group on March 4th. His office kept us dangling for three months before a negative reply was received. A second speaker was quickly called and accepted the invitation. Unfortunately, medical complications prevented him from honouring his commitment. A third person, in the name of Lou Wise, was then called and generously accepted to fill in. Those of us who attended the Winter Meeting were deeply touched by Lou's compassionate portrait of "Melanie". Lou, the executive thanks you most sincerely, not only for having filled in at the last minute, but for having reached each and every one of us.

The speaker for the May luncheon (confirmed) is the Ombudsman of Ontario, Miss Roberta Jamieson. This promises to be a very interesting session. We do hope to see you at the luncheon at the Royal York, May 6th. Please remember that the executive of District 16 works for its members but we do need to know that you are supporting our endeavours both locally and provincially.

We wish you a Happy Easter.

Sincerely,

Ruth Lindsay

MAY LUNCHEON

DATE: **Wednesday, May 6, 1992.**

PLACE: **Royal York Hotel, Upper Canada Room, 18th floor**

TIME: **12:00 noon (to be seated by 12:30 pm)**

PRESENTER: **Miss Roberta Jamieson, Ombudsman of Ontario**

FROM YOUR HEALTH AND INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE

1. Re: Emergency out-of-country medical coverage.
Your STO/ERO Health and Insurance Committee has requested Johnson Insurance to investigate the cost of a basic package for regular travellers with the possibility of offering an extended-stay component for those who travel for periods of up to six months at a time.

2. Growth in membership is noted in all three health plans as follows:
 - A) **Extended Health Care**

September 1990	17 339 participants
December 1991	17 821 participants
 - B) **Semi-Private Hospital**

September 1990	17 115 participants
December 1991	17 407 participants
 - C) **Dental**

September 1990	10 062 participants
December 1991	10 635 participants

3. Your STO/ERO Provincial Committee met on March 25 & 26 and discussed benefit/rate changes for your Health Plans' next policy period. Semi-Private Hospital Coverage was given careful attention as the committee was well aware of some of the frustrations caused by the difference between what a hospital charges for a semi-private room and what your plan pays.

4. Dispensing Fees; Drug Refills; Dental Recall Examination and X-rays; Medical Premiums as an Income Tax Claim and International Travel Emergency Medical Coverage World Access--please see information about these items on pages 2 and 3 of your Winter 1991/92 STO/ERO Newsletter/Bulletin.

CLUB SIXTEEN ACTIVITIES - APRIL & MAY

Meetings are held at St. Margaret's Anglican Church Hall, Avenue Road and Burnaby Blvd. (one street north of Avenue Road and Eglinton Avenue).

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Monthly Social

April 6, Monday, 1:30 p.m. Convenor: Jean Eccles 962-8905

Dr. Paul Pei of the Acupuncture Clinic at 219 St. Clair Ave. West will address us on the subject of Acupuncture.

Bridge **April 7 & 21, Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.** Convenor: Lilian Gang 783-3586

Crafts **April 28, Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.** Convenor: Nell Godfrey 624-8689

Travel **April 22, Wednesday, 10:15 a.m.** Convenor: Louise Griffith 291-1076

Mary Thomas will take us on an excursion to Wales.

MAY 1992

Monthly Social

May 4, Monday, 1:30 p.m. Convenor: Jean Eccles 962-8905

We are indeed privileged: **Edith Cosens**, master photographer and photo-essayist, will present to us "**Mankind's Approach to God**". This will involve the ancient religions of Egypt, Persia and India.

Bridge **May 5 & 19, Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.** Convenor: Lilian Gang 783-3586

Crafts **May 26, Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.** Convenor: Nell Godfrey 624-8689

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT - Hank Condie sets up another great day trip!

- * In response to popular request, we shall return to the beautiful, historic Niagara Falls area. Leaving by bus from Yorkdale Shopping Centre at 9:00 a.m., we shall make a brief visit to the Niagara Parks Greenhouse from whence we shall proceed to Table Rock Restaurant for lunch selected from three choices.
- * At 1:00 p.m. a professional tour guide will board the bus and show us many points of interest between the Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake from his large repertoire of information and anecdotes about the region.
- * Before heading home, we shall stop to let people browse through the park or gardens. Some passengers may opt to take the Maid-of-the-Mist trip at this time.

Dates: Monday, May 25 and Thursday, June 4

Cost: \$34.00

Send cheque, payable to Club 16, to Hank Condie, 92 Pebblehill Square, Agincourt, Ontario M1S 2P9 and please supply your telephone number. To guarantee your registration in fair order, please telephone Hank or his answering machine at 291-8770 before submitting your cheque.

Au revoir until next October 5. In the meantime, have a good summer.

DID YOU KNOW?

- * In Canada, the percentage of adults who volunteer their time and skills to groups and organizations is 27%. That works out to be about 5,368 people sharing the gift of time.
- * Women are more likely to be volunteers than men, but it is a close ratio:
 - 55% female = 2.5 million women
 - 45% male = 2.4 million men
- * The age group with the highest participation rate in volunteering is 35-44 year olds.
- * The most frequent reason given for people not doing volunteer work is that they have never been asked.
- * The Reason Volunteers Are Not Paid:
 - * Is not because they are worthless
 - * But, because they are Priceless

DID YOU MISS THIS?

The executive of District 16 STO/ERO depend entirely upon the support of you, our members, for the success of the Toronto group. One very positive and apparent way to strengthen this is by your attendance at the general meetings. It is there that we get a sense of whom we are going to bat for and how you respond. Otherwise, we are sometimes in the dark, so to speak.

There are times, after one of these general meetings, that we say -- "Those who did not attend really missed a wonderful speaker/presentation" and, "Did you notice how many people met colleagues that they hadn't seen in a long time?"

This is especially true of the March 4th meeting. Due to unavoidable circumstances, the speaker could not be named in the February Newsletter. However, for those who did come out, it was a very compelling, forthright and thought provoking presentation. Lou Wise, a former Director of the Teaching Aids Department, who had earlier given us a glimpse of his expertise in aerial photography, was the presenter.

This time, however, Lou favoured us with his slide presentation and talk, "This is Melanie", based on the upbringing of his lovely daughter Melanie. It was a poignant pictorial diary of the years from her birth in 1960 to the present. Melanie is a resident in a group home in Scarborough for several developmentally handicapped young persons. But Lou wanted us to understand that first, and most important, she is a person - and a terrific one at that.

Lou and his wife, Lena, have addressed Melanie's needs with affection, understanding, dignity, perseverance and consistency. They have both been deeply involved in the events that led, several years ago, to the realization of Project '81 (now Developmental Services for Adults) -- a collection of six group homes and a developmental centre with its daily program, all located in Scarborough. In the years ahead, there will need to be many more group homes or other forms of residence if community living for developmentally handicapped persons is to be fully realized in Metro and other parts of the province. The waiting lists are very long, particularly in Metro, so much remains to be done to ensure that these handicapped people need not live in institutions away from their own communities and families.

Lou concluded his presentation with a few comments on volunteering. He explained that, in a sense, he is a volunteer who goes on trips with Melanie and her friends in the summer; to a swim program at the North York YMCA once a week year 'round -- and as a pilot-in-command when he takes Melanie flying in his light aircraft!

But many more volunteers are needed to provide opportunities for more of this group to go swimming at the "Y"; to go on periodic summer trips with small groups; to have someone assist them during lunch time at Gooderham Developmental Centre or to spend time with one of the fellas or

gals in one of the many activities that go on. Many of the things that do go on can only occur on a one-to-one basis. Just think how much good you might get from a once a week dip in the pool at the "Y"!

If you would like to know more about the different activities, and the pool program in particular, please call Lou Wise at 447-1660. He'd love to hear from you.

GREETINGS TO:

We hope you find these lists interesting and we are sorry that we do not have addresses to provide. The list is by no means complete, but these are the only ones that we have information on regarding the year and last school.

<u>Ontario</u>	<u>Retiree</u>	<u>Date From</u>
Acton	Edward Czuchnicki	1989 Western Tech., T.B. of E.
Alliston	Helen Muir Margaret Richmond	1967 Lawrence Park C.I., T.B. of E. 1985 Sunnyview P.S., T.B. of E.
Ancaster	Errol Williams	1989 St. Agnes, Metro Separate
Barrie	Marion Evans Mona Morton John Walkington	1973 Oriole Park P.S. T.B. of E. 1988 Georgian Bay College 1987 Earl Beatty P.S, T.B. of E.
Bramalea	Walter Williamson	1990 Danforth Tech., T.B. of E.
Orangeville	Irene Peebles A.C. Anderson	1972 York Memorial, York B. of E. 1970 Howard P.S., T. B. of E.
Orillia	John Ball Yvonne Lacey Ernest Jeans Ken Strangway Arthur C. Morris	1969 Pape P.S., T.B. of E. 1987 U.T.S., Univ. of Toronto 1980 Oakwood C.I., T.B. of E. 1979 Inspector, T.B. of E. 1972 Oakwood C.I., T.B. of E.
Streetsville	Peter Locke	1989 Central Tech., T.B. of E.
Stouffville	Robert Sanderson Lois La Fleur	1979 Annette P.S., T.B. of E. 1987 Malvern C.I., T.B. of E.

Hey! Are there any former elementary teachers out there who coached a team or who "took" a team because there was no one else?

Did your winter "P.T." (now P.E.) class consist of a time on the rink that the Parks Department put up in the schoolyard? And, do you remember the trustees complaining about it?

Do you have any pictures, stories, newspaper clippings, school newsletter items, crests, medals, ribbons or trophies for such activities as baseball, hockey, skating, swimming, soccer, lacrosse, square dancing or other such P.E. activities?

These are the kinds of things that the P.S.A.A. (Public School Athletic Association) and the P.S.G.A.A. (Public School Girl's Athletic Association) are looking for. They are collecting archival materials related to athletics in the elementary schools of Toronto to ensure that the heritage of future generations stays alive. All photos and such may be given or loaned for storage in the archives. Or, if you wish, be reproduced and returned. Also, please send your name, address, phone number, school(s) attended or coached at, and the years.

Headed by Art Webb, Al Wong and Bill Shaver are the 'moles' in the basement of the Duke of Connaught School where they are working on this project until the end of June. Perhaps you might offer to be a 'mole'!

RETIREMENT NEWS!

We are often not aware of the retirement of our colleagues until after the event has taken place. In this section we will try to keep you up-to-date on who is retiring and when. Due to the printing schedule of the Newsletter we may not be able to inform you of all of the up-coming retirements, but we will try to let you know of the ones we are aware of at the time of printing. If you wish further information, please contact the person's office, the telephone number can be obtained through the Toronto Board of Education's switchboard at 598-4931.

Name--Position--School/Dept.

Reception Date

Al Price , School Superintendent - North Education Office	April 22
James Rowney , Vice-Principal, Eastern High School of Commerce	May 20
Joseph Sterioff , Principal, Jones Avenue Adult New Canadian Centre	May 26
Garry Lummis , Principal, Morse Street P.S.	May 27
Bill Graham , Co-ordinator - Science Dept.	May 27
James A. Kline , Principal, Shirley Street P.S.	May 28
Edward Gordon , Associate Director - Program	not known at this time

IN MEMORIAM

Ralph Bannister

Everett Salton Learoyd

William Thomas Barnard

Douglas Ellett MacInnes

Earl Thomas Barnes

Jeannette MacLeod

Sidney Richard Coles

Harvey K. Maurer

John Raymond Flynn

Thomas Stillwell

Mary Grace Houlahan

Alice Trotter

A Garden

A garden is a lovely place
Where seeds burst though the sod.
A garden is a partnership
Between two hands and God.
A garden is a restful place
Where gentle breezes blow.

A family of growing things
Where souls can also grow.
A garden is a peaceful place
Where I can go apart
To think, to meditate, to pray
And listen with my heart.