



SEPTEMBER 1992

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Teacher Members:

After spending June, July and August mowing the lawn on a bi-weekly basis (whilst dodging the raindrops) it would be inappropriate for me to hope that you have had a pleasant summer relaxing at the cottage or in the backyard. Rather, I hope that you have had a rewarding summer and have resumed a busy fall schedule doing your own thing!

Now for the serious business.....

Due to an increased usage of services and escalating medical costs, changes to the STO Health Plans were approved at the May Senate to be effective September 1, 1992. Please read carefully the enclosed report from your Health and Insurance Representative, Bill Shaver.

Many thanks to Dennis Fiedler, Laura Warren and Betty Chandorkar who have helped me put this newsletter together.

To Mary Noylander, Editor of our newsletter, our best wishes for a speedy recovery and do get back to us soon. We miss you!

The time has now come for me to hand over the gavel to Dennis Fiedler. I have enjoyed my time as President, most especially the opportunity to "chat" with you. I hope to be able to continue to serve you through STO. Many thanks to all.

Sincerely,

Ruth Lindsay

MAY LUNCHEON

In response to your preference to have a luncheon rather than a breakfast, our May, 1992, Luncheon Meeting at the Royal York was an overwhelming success. Many new faces were seen and the reaction of the group was most positive!

The guest speaker, Miss Roberta Jamieson, Ombudsman of Ontario, explained to us the role of the Ombudsman's office. Miss Jamieson was a dynamic speaker who certainly held her audience captive. Many thanks also go to Mr. Claude Lamoureux and to Mr. Bill Jones who filled in until the arrival of Miss Jamieson who had been detained in the Legislature.

We are anticipating continuing with a May Luncheon in 1993 and hope to see you there, on May 5, 1993, friends, old & new.

FROM YOUR HEALTH & INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE

Last month all STO Health Plan participants should have received information from the STO Health Services and Insurance Committee regarding the new 1992-93 Health and Dental Plans.

Effective September 1, 1992, the new rates are:

1. **SEMI-PRIVATE HOSPITAL**

Plan will pay \$75.00 per day, charges above \$75.00 are payable by the patient.

New Rates: (monthly) Single: \$14.31 Couple: \$28.60 Family: \$33.66

2. **DENTAL**

Claims are based on the 1992 Ontario Dental Fee Schedule. Recall examinations may be scheduled twice in a calendar year rather than once every 6 months.

New Rates: (monthly) Single: \$29.52 Couple: \$58.20 Family: \$72.58

3. **EXTENDED HEALTH CARE**

The Vision Care Benefits will increase from \$125.00 to \$150.00 per person (from \$250.00 to \$300.00 per couple or family) in any 2 calendar years.

New Rates: (monthly) Single: \$27.02 Couple: \$45.36 Family: \$58.55

Please note:

#1: The Out-of-Province Emergency part of the Extended Health Care Plan has been reduced from 365 to 60 days per trip.

A Supplemental Plan is available for Extended Health Care participants who travel in excess of 60 days per trip.

#2: World Access will require proof of your departure date in the event of a claim for emergency medical situations which occur Out-of-Province or Out-of-Canada. Receipts for transportation or accommodation, stamped passport or other similar receipts are considered acceptable forms of proof.

You should have received a revised brochure (effective September 1, 1992) for each of the above plans.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the STO Health Plan Administrator, Johnson Insurance, as follows:

(416) 764-4884 or 1-800-461-4597 (toll free)

**60 - DAYS - 60
STO/ERO HEALTH CARE PLANS**

If you have colleagues who have retired or are planning to retire, it is essential for them to know that when a person

1. does not or cannot continue in a school board's health insurance plan, or
2. continues in a school board's plan but decides to discontinue coverage, or
3. reaches age 65 (no longer eligible to participate in a school board's plan), or
4. is no longer covered by a spouse's plan

the person **must apply for health insurance coverage within 60 days** to be eligible for enrolment **without having to provide medical evidence of good health.**

Between September 1, 1990, and August 31, 1992, 309 persons were late applicants. Only 145 were able to provide medical evidence of good health. Applications to enrol in the STO/ERO Health Plans are available from Johnson Insurance Limited, the STO/ERO Plan Administrator, by phoning: 764-4884 (from Toronto), 1-800-461-4597 (toll free), or from Superannuated Teachers of Ontario (416) 962-9463 (collect).

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CLUB SIXTEEN -- OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Club Sixteen will resume its activities on at St. Margaret's Anglican Church Hall (Avenue Road & Burnaby Blvd., 1 block south of Eglinton). All are welcome!

OCTOBER 1992

Monthly Social

October 5, Monday, 1:30 p.m. Convenor: Jean Eccles 962-8905
Ed Rutherford will elucidate on "**The History of Stained Glass**".
A special welcome to new members. This is a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new acquaintances.

Bridge **October 6 & 20, Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.** Convenor: Lilian Gang 783-3586

Crafts **October 27, Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.** Convenor: Nell Godfrey 624-8689
This group was very popular last season.

Travel **October 27, Wednesday, 10:15 a.m.** Convenor: Louise Griffith 291-1076
Louise Griffith will expose us to "**Red Rocks and Deep Canyons in New Mexico, Colorado and Utah**".

NOVEMBER 1992

Monthly Social

November 2, Monday, 1:30 p.m. Convenor: Jean Eccles 962-8905

Bill Bowden will continue the series of slides on **Toronto** that he presented in February, 1992.

Bridge **Nov. 3 & 17, Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.** Convenor: Lilian Gang 783-3586

Crafts **Nov. 24, Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.** Convenor: Nell Godfrey 624-8689

Travel **Nov. 25, Wednesday, 10:15 a.m.** Convenor: Louise Griffith 291-1076
Bruce Mills will take us on a "**Journey into Fantasy**" which involves abstract forms.

N.B. Information regarding a Christmas outing with Hank Condie will be outlined in the November Newsletter.

STO DISTRICT 16

DATES OF MEETINGS 1992-93

<u>Executive:</u>	Thursday,	June 4	1992
	"	September 10	"
	"	October 29	"
	"	November 19	"
	"	January 7	1993
	"	February 18	"
	"	March 25	"
	"	April 29	"
	"	May 13	"
	"	June 3	"
	"	September 9	"

<u>MAILINGS:</u>	Thursday,	September 24	1992
	"	November 12	"
	"	January 21	1993
	"	April 8	"

ANNUAL MEETINGS:

Fall Meeting	Thursday,	October 22	1992
Winter Meeting	Wednesday,	March 3	1993

CLUB SIXTEEN MEETINGS:

<u>One Executive</u>	Wednesday,	June 3	1992
	Monday,	October 5	1992
	"	November 2	"
	"	December 7	"
	"	January 4	1993
	"	February 1	"
	"	March 1	"
	"	April 5	"
	"	May 3	"

SENATE: May 18-19, 1993 & October 19-20, 1993

MAY LUNCHEON MEETING:

Wednesday, May 5, 1993
Arrival: 12:00 noon Luncheon: 12:30 p.m.
Royal York Hotel - Ballroom - Convention Floor

AN APOLOGY:

There has been a concern over the printing of names of people in a couple of our newsletters. We **do** honour the privacy of the members' addresses and do not release this information to anyone except the Executive Committee. In the Newsletter we printed the names of some members who live beyond the Metro area so that you may remember these friends and former co-workers.

I am responsible for submitting the names to the Newsletter Committee. Through the STO lists in my possession I have been particularly pleased to recognize names of fellow workers and even two of my favourite secondary school teachers. It has meant a great deal to me to remember old friends and know that they are still actively involved in STO.

My apologies if I have overstepped the mark.

Betty (Beattie) Chandorkar
Membership Chairman:STO District 16

IN MEMORIAM

Wilda Armstrong
William Bates
James A. Bird
Frances Mae Boyd
Isabel Buchanan
Samuel Campbell
Joy Chow
Prof. Diltz
Lila M. Duncanson
Jim Elliot
William John Gibson
Meredith H. Hastings
Helen E. Hetherington

Helen A. Jenkins
Dorothy G. Jesso
Marvin Lipton
Ethel Mackay
Sarah Isobel Miller
E. Jean Pettit
Jeanne Sullivan
Amy Frances Smith
Mildred Matilda Shore
Vera Talbot
I.D. Warder
Kathleen S. Woodall

I'M FINE

There's nothing whatever the matter with me.
I'm just as healthy as I can be.
I have arthritis in both of my knees
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

I think my liver is out of whack,
And a terrible pain is in my back.
My hearing is poor, my sight is dim,
Most everything seems to be out of trim,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

I have arch support for both my feet,
Or I wouldn't be able to go on the street.
Sleeplessness I have at night,
And in the morning I'm just a sight.
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin.
I'm peacefully living on aspirin.
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is, as this tale unfolds,
That for you and me who are growing old,
It's better to say, "I'm fine" with a grin,
Than to let folks know the shape we're in.

Author unknown

A HAPPY GROUP ATTENDING THE MAY, 1992, LUNCHEON

