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SUPERANNUATED TEACHERS OF ONTARIO
Les Enseignants Retraites de L'Ontario

DISTRICT 16
CITY OF TORONTO

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to your first newsletter for the 1994-95 S.T.O. District 16 year! And a **special welcome to newly retired Toronto educators!** Although we have been enjoying a lovely summer hiatus, your S.T.O. Executive has been carrying on with pension/retiree business on your behalf. Recording Secretary **Rhena Petch** updated Executive Meeting minutes and the proposed 1994-95 Executive list in preparation for our **Annual Meeting** to be held in conjunction with our **Thursday, October 6, 1994 Ramada Inn Downtown Luncheon to Welcome New Retirees* to S.T.O. District 16 - City of Toronto.** (Look for more information re this in this newsletter.) **Rhena** is off again to S. Korea for another stint of voluntary educational assistance for S. Koreans. We wish her well in this endeavour.

District 16's **Pension Concerns Monitoring Committee (Arlene Freeman, Bev Brophy, Warren Smith, Art Bussey, and myself)** has met to strategize appropriate action plans to aid the maintenance of a financially sound and healthy teachers' pension plan. Currently, both the Federal and Provincial Governments are looking for ways to profit from retirees' pension plans, income, R.R.S.P.'s R.I.F.'s and the removal of seniors' Income Tax credits, etc. Constant vigilance is vital!

This is my last message as President. Therefore, I want to thank all of the current members, especially our Executive, for their active support during my term of office. Positive attitudes were reflected in a large attendance at the Annual May Luncheon and at the October, 1993 New Retirees' Luncheon.

Although we have to say good-bye to **Al Robb**, who has ably served S.T.O. for many years, we continue to profit from experienced advice from Past Presidents and long time Executive members, **George Hayes, Ruth Lindsay, Charlotte Hardie, Margaret Smith, Dennis Fiedler, and Anne Fraser.** And **Mike Lennox** and **Bernice McGinn** have been active District 16 Executive Members as well as chairing Provincial S.T.O. Committees during these past several years. We salute all of you!

* Good News - several 1994 retirees have agreed to stand for election to the 1994-95 Executive!

Remember, S.T.O.'s motto is "**Service To Others**" - each Executive Member is a "phone call away". Therefore, let us know what activities you would like us to pursue.

Shirley Simons

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, October 6, 1994 - Luncheon for New Retirees
(Ramada on Chestnut)
Thursday, October 13, 1994 - Executive Meeting
(St. Margaret's Church)

FROM YOUR HEALTH/INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE

All members of the S.T.O. Health Plans should now have received their Revised Brochures for the 1994-95 year. As there are no changes in the benefits or premiums in the Dental Plan, please keep your 1993 brochure as one will not be issued for 1994.

The premiums and benefit changes are as follows:

Dental Plan (#983431) - No Benefit Changes

Premiums: Single: \$30.12 Couple: \$59.39 Family: \$74.06

Semi-Private Hospital Plan (#983429)

- Benefit remains at \$100 per day

Premiums: Single: \$15.49 Couple: \$30.96 Family: \$36.37

Extended Health Care Plan (#983430)

- Annual deductible for drugs to be removed.
- Annual limit (calendar year) for prescription drugs to be increased from \$1000.00 to \$1100.00 per person.
- Oxygen and its administration outside province of residence to be added.
- Vision care maximum of \$300.00 for family coverage to be removed. Coverage to be limited to \$150.00 per person in any two calendar years.

Premiums: Single: \$26.00 Couple: \$52.00 Family: \$62.40

*Participants in the Extended Health Care Plan are asked to pay for out-of-province/country claims that are less than \$500.00. The bills should be submitted first to the participant's Provincial Government Health Insurance Plan and then to Johnson Insurance for payment of the balance.

**A JOINT PROJECT SPONSORED BY THE TORONTO BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESQUICENTENNIAL ARCHIVES AND THE TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL ORAL
HISTORY GROUP**

It is the aim of the Oral History Group to capture as broad a picture of the school system as possible from its inception to the present. To achieve these ends more interviewers and cataloguers are needed. If you are interested in volunteering to help us, you would be joining an established group of dedicated interviewers and cataloguers. Workshops & training sessions are a regular part of the group's activities. Interested persons should call **Liz Terry - 461-3195** or **Barbara Camm - 922-1130**. We would be delighted to hear from you.

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

...three of our members are campaigning for Trustees for the Toronto Board of Education in this November's Municipal Election?

Peter Chown (Ward 1)

Gil Darnley (Ward 8)

Steve Koning (Ward 9)

CLUB SIXTEEN BULLETIN

Note: All functions take place at St. Margaret's Anglican Church at the corner of Burnaby Blvd. and Avenue Road, one block north of Eglinton Avenue West. Monthly Socials and Travel will take place in the large room upstairs.

OCTOBER 1994

MONTHLY SOCIAL

Monday - Oct. 3 - 1:30 p.m. Information: David Clee - 483-1379
John Rutherford will give a slide and music presentation on "**Symphony of Stamps**". John has addressed us previously on other of his many hobbies and interests, which have been most interesting and informative.

BRIDGE Tuesdays - Oct. 4 & 18 - 1:30 p.m. Information: Lillian Gang - 783-3586
It is not required to be a Bridge Master to participate in this group. The keynote is sociability.

CRAFTS Tuesday - Oct. 25 - 1:30 p.m. Information: Nell Godfrey - 624-8689

TRAVEL Wednesday - Oct. 26 - 1:30 p.m. Information: Valerie Fiedler - 510-1861
***Please note the change in time.** The place is the large room upstairs.
We are very grateful to Valerie Fiedler for assuming the convenorship of this group.
Our first presentation of the season is "**Hopping around Europe**" by **Robert Hunter**.

NOVEMBER 1994

MONTHLY SOCIAL

Monday - Nov. 14 - 1:30 p.m. *Note Change of Date for this meeting only.
Ed Rutherford will give a slide presentation on "**A Visit to Historic Newfoundland**". Ed has shared with us other interests and hobbies of his, so those of you who have already attended these will readily recommend them to newcomers.

BRIDGE Tuesdays - Nov. 1, 15 & 29 - 1:30 p.m. Information: Lillian Gang - 783-3586
***Please note this month there will be three sessions.**

CRAFTS Tuesday - Nov. 22 - 1:30 p.m. Information: Nell Godfrey - 624-8689

TRAVEL Wednesday - Nov. 23 - 1:30 p.m. Information: Valerie Fiedler - 510-1861
Barbara Hancock will take us on a voyage of "**The Channel Islands**".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are ready for a replacement of the present **convenor** of the **Bridge** group, Lillian Gang, who has held the post for many years. If you are interested in this position, or would like to know more about the duties it entails, please call **John Terry**, President, at **444-9656**, or the present convenor, **Lillian Gang** at **783-3586**.

MAY LUNCHEON UPDATE

District 16 held its annual May Luncheon at the Royal York, in the Imperial Room no less. At noon a large number of members had already gathered to socialize; by twelve-thirty all were seated and treated to a delicious meal.

Jim Rowney introduced the guest speaker, **Taylor Parnaby** from CFRB who entertained us with his remarks on the **State of the Union** both Federally and Provincially. **George Hayes** thanked the speaker.

Eldred Cooke, Vice-president of Provincial S.T.O./E.R.O. who presented **Mary Noylander** with a **Golden Pin** in appreciation of Mary's work with the Newsletter; **Dennis Fiedler** presented **Certificates of Merit** to **Al Robb** and **Ruth Lindsay** for their continued support and commitment to S.T.O./E.R.O.

During the meal we were entertained by Becky Windhager, music teacher at Harbord Collegiate; students from the Jazz Choir sang after the presentations.

Comments heard on the way out were unanimous: "This was the best luncheon ever!" Won't you plan on joining us next year or, better still, at the Retirees Luncheon (October 6)?

Miss Gray Remembered...

In September, 1942, I began Grade 1 at Annette Street Public School in Toronto and my teacher was Miss Gray.

Every morning, this dear lady cooked hot cereal on a little burner for all her students, to ensure they had some good nourishment.

Twenty-five years later, I was baking wheat germ muffins for my own children and was surprised to realize the aroma filling the kitchen was that of our schoolroom.

I hope none of us has forgotten the love and thoughtfulness of Miss Gray. God bless her.

ARLENE FEELY
(NEE COMBES)

Brantford

(Toronto Star, May 2/94)

Arlene Feeley's letter (Miss Gray loved students, May 1), in which she remembers her Grade 1 teacher, Mabel Gray, brought back many memories for me. Miss Gray was my Grade 1 teacher also at Annette St. Public School in 1936.

During the Depression years, Miss Gray rewarded good work or effort with an apple or orange, treats not always affordable for her pupils.

Miss Gray took early retirement due to ill health. However, she was a great believer in helping herself, and with good nutrition, Vitamin E and her long daily walks, her improved health and vitality were a marvel to all who knew her.

Following severe injuries from a bad fall, Miss Gray moved to St. Anne's Towers on Dufferin St. and continued to walk several miles to her church in the High Park area every Sunday, regardless of the weather.

Unfortunately, Miss Gray was hit and killed by a car while crossing Bathurst St. on one of her daily walks. And she wasn't jay-walking!

I'm sure that many of us who learned to read from Miss Gray have many fond memories of her.

MARY L. TUTTY
(NEE BROOK)

Toronto

(Toronto Star, May 18/94)

IN MEMORIAM

Phyllis Anderson
Rev Berton Andrew
F.R. Argent
George Arnold
Murray Balkwill
Mildred Barrett
Viola Bicum
Wilson Brooks
Patricia Burns
Ella Campbell
Mary Katherine Clemence
Mae Contis
Jean Corlins
James Davies

Kenneth Dudley
Thomas Eberlee
Rita Enright
Albert Gray
Kathryn Guggisberg
Jean Harding
Loretta Harrison
Margaret House
Beth C. Johnston
Gordon Keach
J. Anthony Ketchum
Laurra Kidd
Muriel Lansbury
Cecilia Latchford

Gordon MacLeod
Mary Malone
Geraldine Marano
Edward Marsden
Bruce McDonald
Elaine McGillivray
Gwendolyn McMullen
Davis Moore
Marion Rita Moore
Joseph Morris
Mona Mullen
Pauline Munro
Maxeen O'Reilly
Dorothy Patton

Ardath Paterson
Gladys Reynolds
Catherine Robinson
Ann Rutherford
Elwood Smythe
Sister Gertrude Stork
Emily Florence Thompson
John Alexander Vanstone
Florence Vickery
Noreen Wheatley
Madeleine Wilkinson
Laureen Wilson
Freda Wood
James Wylie